themselves. 30Paul stayed two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who were coming to him, 31 preaching the Kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, without hindrance. Romans Chapter 1

1Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the Good News of God. 2which he promised before through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3concerning his Son, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4who was declared to be the

Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5through whom we received grace and apostleship, for obedience of faith among all the nations, for his name's

6among whom you are also called to belong to Jesus Christ; 7to all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 8First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of

you, that your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world. 9For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the Good News of his Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you always in my prayers, 10requesting, if by any means now at last I may be

prospered by the will of God to come to you. 11For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual qift, to the end that you may be established: 12that is, that I with you may be encouraged in you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine. 13Now I don't desire to have

you unaware, brothers, that I often planned to come to you, and was hindered so far, that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles. 14I am debtor both to Greeks and to foreigners, both to the wise and to the foolish. 15So, as much as is in me, I

am eager to preach the Good News to you also who are in Rome. 16For I am not ashamed of the Good News of Christ, for it is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes; for the Jew first, and also for the Greek. 17For in it is revealed God's righteousness from faith to

faith. As it is written, "But the righteous shall live by faith." 18For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19because that which is known of God is revealed in

them, for God revealed it to them. 20For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity; that they may be without excuse.

21Because, knowing God, they

didn't glorify him as God, neither gave thanks, but became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless heart was darkened. 22Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 and traded the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of

corruptible man, and of birds, four-footed animals, and creeping things. 24Therefore God also gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonored among themselves, 25who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped

and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions. For their women changed the natural function into that which is against nature. 27Likewise also the men, leaving the natural function of the woman, burned in

their lust toward one another, doing what is inappropriate with men, and receiving in themselves the due penalty of their error. 28Even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do those

which are not fitting; 29being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil habits, secret slanderers, 30backbiters, hateful to God. insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32who, knowing the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do same, but also approve of those who practice them.

Romans Chapter 2 1Therefore you are without excuse, 0 man, whoever you are who judge. For in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself. For you

who judge practice the same things.

2We know that the judgment of God is according to truth

against those who practice

such things. 3Do you think this, 0 man who judges those who practice such things, and do the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? 40r do you despise the riches of his qoodness, forbearance, and patience, not knowing that the goodness of God

leads you to repentance? 5But according to your hardness and unrepentant heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day wrath, revelation, and of the righteous judgment of God; 6who "will pay back to everyone according to their works:" Ito those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory, honor, and incorruptibility, eternal life; 8but to those who are selfseeking, and don't obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, will be wrath and indignation, 9 oppression and anguish, on

every soul of man who works evil, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 10But glory, honor, and peace go to every man who works good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 11For there is no partiality with God. 12For as many as have sinned without law will also

perish without the law. As many as have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. 13For it isn't the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law will be justified 14(for when Gentiles who don't have the law do by nature the things of the law,

these, not having the law, are law to themselves, 15in that they show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience testifying with them, and their thoughts among themselves accusing or else excusing them)

16in the day when God will judge the secrets of men, according to my Good News, by Jesus Christ. 17Indeed you bear the name of a Jew, and rest on the law, and glory in God, 18and know his will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law,

19and are confident that you yourself are a guide of the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, 20a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of babies, having in the law the form of knowledge and of the truth. 21You therefore who teach another, don't you teach yourself? You who preach that a man shouldn't steal, do steal? 22You who say a man shouldn't commit adultery. Do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23You who glory in the law, through your disobedience of the law do you dishonor God?

24For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," just as it is written. 25For circumcision indeed profits, if you are a doer of the law, but if you are a transgressor of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. 26If therefore the

uncircumcised keep the ordinances of the law, won't his uncircumcision be accounted as circumcision? 27Won't the uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfills the law, judge you, who with the letter and circumcision are a transgressor of the law?

28For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh; 29but he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit not in the letter; whose praise is not from men, but from God. Romans Chapter 3

1Then what advantage does the Jew have? Or what is the profit of circumcision? 2Much in every way! Because first of all, they were entrusted with the oracles of God. 3For what if some were without faith? Will their lack of faith nullify the faithfulness of God? 4May it never be! Yes, let God be found true, but every man a liar. As it is written, "That you might be justified in your words, and might prevail when you come into judqment." 5But if our unrighteousness commends the righteousness of God, what will we say? Is God unrighteous who

inflicts wrath? I speak like men do. 6May it never be! For then how will God judge the world? 7For if the truth of God through my lie abounded to his glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? 8Why not (as we are slanderously reported, and as

some affirm that we say), "Let us do evil, that good may come?" Those who say so are justly condemned. 9What then? Are we better than they? No, in no way. For we previously warned both Jews and Greeks, that they are all under sin. 10As it is written, "There is

no one righteous; no, not one. 11There is no one who understands. There is no one who seeks after God. 12They have all turned aside. They have together become unprofitable. There is no one who does good, no, not, so much as one." 13"Their throat is an open

tomb. With their tonques they

have used deceit." "The poison of vipers is under their lips;" 14"whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." 15"Their feet are swift to shed blood. 16Destruction and misery are in their ways. 17The way of peace, they haven't known."

18"There is no fear of God before their eyes." 19Now we know that whatever things the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may be brought under the judgment of God. 20Because by the works of

the law, no flesh will be justified in his sight. For through the law comes the knowledge of sin. 21But now apart from the law, a righteousness of God has been revealed, being testified by the law and the prophets; 22even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus

Christ to all and on all those who believe. For there is no distinction, 23for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God; 24being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ lesus; 25whom God set forth to be an atoning sacrifice, through

faith in his blood, for a demonstration of his righteousness through the passing over of prior sins, in God's forbearance; 26to demonstrate his righteousness at this present time; that he might himself be just, and the justifier of him who has faith in Jesus.

27Where then is the boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. 28We maintain therefore that a man is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. 290r is God the God of Jews only? Isn't he the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles

also, 30since indeed there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith, and the uncircumcised through faith. 31Do we then nullify the law through faith? May it never be! No, we establish the law. Romans Chapter 4 1What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather, has

found according to the flesh? 2For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not toward God. 3For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God. and it was accounted to him for righteousness." 4Now to him who works, the reward is not counted as

grace, but as something owed. 5But to him who doesn't work, but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness. 6Even as David also pronounces blessing on the man to whom God counts righteousness apart from works.

7"Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, whose sins are covered. 8Blessed is the man whom the Lord will by no means charge with sin." 9Is this blessing then pronounced on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say that faith was

accounted to Abraham for righteousness. 10How then was it counted? When he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. 11He received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while he was uncircumcision, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they might be in uncircumcision, that righteousness might also be accounted to them. 12He is the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also

walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had in uncircumcision. 13For the promise to Abraham and to his seed that he should be heir of the world wasn't through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14For if those who are of the

law are heirs, faith is made void, and the promise is made of no effect. 15For the law works wrath, for where there is no law, neither is there disobedience. 16For this cause it is of faith, that it may be according to grace, to the end that the promise may be sure to all the seed, not to that only

which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all. 17As it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations." This is in the presence of him whom he believed: God, who gives life to the dead, and calls the things that are not, as though

they were. 18Who in hope believed against hope, to the end that he might become a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, "So will your seed be." 19Without being weakened in faith, he didn't consider his own body, already having

been worn out, (he being about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20Yet, looking to the promise of God, he didn't waver through unbelief, but grew strong through faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully assured that what he had promised,

he was also able to perform. 22Therefore it also was "reckoned to him for righteousness." 23Now it was not written that it was accounted to him for his sake alone, 24but for our sake also, to whom it will be accounted, who believe in him who raised Jesus, our Lord, from

the dead, 25who was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification. Romans Chapter 5 1Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; 2through whom we also have

our access by faith into this grace in which we stand. We rejoice in hope of the qlory of God. 3Not only this, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering works perseverance; 4and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope:

Sand hope doesn't disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 6For while we were yet weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7For one will hardly die for a righteous man. Yet perhaps

for a righteous person someone would even dare to 8But God commends his own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's wrath through him.

10For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we will be saved by his life. 11Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received

reconciliation. 12Therefore, as sin entered into the world through one man, and death through sin; and so death passed to all men, because all sinned. 13For until the law, sin was in the world; but sin is not charged when there is no law. 14Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even

over those whose sins weren't like Adam's disobedience, who is a foreshadowing of him who was to come. 15But the free qift isn't like the trespass. For if by the trespass of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God, and the gift by the grace of the one man,

Jesus Christ, abound to the 16The qift is not as through one who sinned: for the judgment came by one to condemnation, but the free qift came of many trespasses to justification. 17For if by the trespass of the one, death reigned

through the one; so much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one, Jesus Christ. 18So then as through one trespass, all men were condemned; even so through one act of righteousness, all

were justified to life. 19For as through the one man's disobedience many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the many will be made righteous. 20The law came in besides, that the trespass might abound; but where sin

abounded, grace abounded more exceedingly; 21that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans Chapter 6 1What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that

grace may abound? 2May it never be! We who died to sin, how could we live in it any longer? 30r don't you know that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4We were buried therefore with him through baptism to death, that just like Christ

was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. 5For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we will also be part of his resurrection; 6knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him,

that the body of sin might be done away with, so that would no longer be in bondage to sin. The The Who has died has been freed from sin. 8But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him; 9knowing that Christ, being

raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no more has dominion over him! 10For the death that he died, he died to sin one time; but the life that he lives, he lives to God. 11Thus consider yourselves also to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

12Therefore don't let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its usts. 13Neither present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God, as alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of

righteousness to God. 14For sin will not have dominion over you. For you are not under law, but under grace. 15What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under law, but under grace? May it never be! 16Don't you know that to whom you present yourselves

as servants to obedience, his servants you are whom you obey; whether of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness? 17But thanks be to God, that, whereas you were bondservants of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching whereunto

you were delivered. 18Being made free from sin, you became bondservants of righteousness. 191 speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh, for as you presented your members as servants to uncleanness and to wickedness upon wickedness,

even so now present your members as servants to righteousness for sanctification. 20For when you were servants of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21What fruit then did you have at that time in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of

those things is death. 22But now, being made free from sin, and having become servants of God, you have your fruit of sanctification, and the result of eternal life. 23For the wages of sin is death, but the free qift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans Chapter 7 10r don't you know, brothers (for I speak to men who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man for

as long as he lives?

2For the woman that has a husband is bound by law to the husband while he lives,

but if the husband dies, she

discharged from the law of the husband. 3So then if, while the husband lives, she is joined to another man, she would be called an adulteress. But if the husband dies, she is fr<u>ee from</u> the law, so that she is no adulteress, though she is joined to another man.

4Therefore, my brothers, you also were made dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you would be joined to another, to him who was raised from the dead, that we might bring forth fruit to God. 5For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were through the law,

worked in our members to bring forth fruit to death. 6But now we have been discharged from the law, having died to that in which we were held; so that we serve in newness of the spirit, and not in oldness of the letter. 7What shall we say then? Is

the law sin? May it never be! However, I wouldn't have known sin, except through the law. For I wouldn't have known coveting, unless the law had said, "You shall not covet." 8But sin, finding occasion through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of coveting. For apart from the

law, sin is dead. 91 was alive apart from the law once, but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. 10The commandment, which was for life, this I found to be for death; 11for sin, finding occasion through the commandment, deceived me, and through it

killed me. 12Therefore the law indeed is holy, and the commandment holy, and righteous, and good. 13Did then that which is good become death to me? May it never be! But sin, that it might be shown to be sin, by working death to me through that which is good; that

through the commandment sin might become exceeding sinful. 14For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am fleshly, sold under sin. 15For I don't know what I am doing. For I don't practice what I desire to do; but what I hate, that I do. 16But if what I don't desire,

that I do, I consent to the law that it is good. 17So now it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwells in me. 18For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwells no good thing. For desire is present with me, but I don't find it doing that which is good. 19For the good which I desire,

I don't do; but the evil which I don't desire, that I practice. 20But if what I don't desire, that I do, it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwells in 211 find then the law, that, to me, while I desire to do good, evil is present. 22For I delight in God's law after the inward man,

23but I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity under the law of sin which is in my members. 24What a wretched man I am! Who will deliver me out of the body of this death? 25I thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord! So then with the mind, I myself serve God's law, but with the flesh, the sin's law. Romans Chapter 8 1There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

2For the law of the Spirit of

life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death. 3For what the law couldn't do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did, sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh; 4that the ordinance of the law might be fulfilled in us,

who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 5For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6For the mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace;

7because the mind of the flesh is hostile towards God; for it is not subject to God's law, neither indeed can it be. 8Those who are in the flesh can't please God. 9But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if it is so that the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if any man doesn't have the Spirit of

Christ, he is not his. 10If Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11But if the Spirit of him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised up Christ Jesus from dead will also give life to

your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. 12So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13For if you live after the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14For as many as are led by

the Spirit of God, these are children of God. 15For you didn't receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom cry, "Abba! Father!" 16The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God;

17and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if indeed we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified with him. 18For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which will be revealed toward us.

19For the creation waits with eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21that the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of decay into the

liberty of the glory of the children of God. 22For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until 23Not only so, but ourselves also, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for

adoption, the redemption of our body. 24For we were saved in hope, but hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for that which he sees? 25But if we hope for that which we don't see, we wait for it with patience. 26In the same way, the Spirit also helps our weaknesses, for

we don't know how to pray as we ought. But the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings which can't be uttered. 27He who searches the hearts knows what is on the Spirit's mind, because he makes intercession for the saints according to God.

28We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose. 29For whom he foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30Whom he predestined, those he also called. Whom he called, those he also justified. Whom he justified, those he also glorified. 31What then shall we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against San 5 32He who didn't spare his own Son, but delivered him

up for us all, how would he not also with him freely give all things? 33Who could bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who justifies. 34Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, yes rather, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right

hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Could oppression, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36Even as it is written, "For your sake we are killed all day long. We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

37No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from

the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans Chapter 9 11 tell the truth in Christ. I am not lying, my conscience testifying with me in the Holy Spirit, 2that I have great sorrow and unceasing pain in my heart.

3For I could wish that I

myself were accursed from Christ for my brothers' sake, my relatives according to the flesh, 4who are Israelites; whose is the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service, and the promises; 5of whom are the fathers, and from whom is Christ as

concerning the flesh, who is over all, God, blessed forever. Amen. 6But it is not as though the word of God has come to nothing. For they are not all Israel, that are of Israel. 7Neither, because they are Abraham's seed, are they all children. But, "In Isaac will your seed be called."

8That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as a seed. 9For this is a word of promise, "At the appointed time I will come, and Sarah will have a son." 10Not only so, but Rebecca also conceived by one, by our

father Isaac. 11For being not yet born, neither having done anything good or bad, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him who calls, 12it was said to her, "The elder will serve the younger." 13Even as it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I

hated." 14What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? May it never be! 15For he said to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." 16So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who

runs, but of God who has mercy. 17For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I caused you to be raised up, that I might show in you my power, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." 18So then, he has mercy on whom he desires, and he

hardens whom he desires. 19You will say then to me, "Why does he still find fault? For who withstands his will?" 20But indeed, 0 man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed ask him who formed it, "Why did you make me like this?" 210r hasn't the potter a right over the clay, from the same

lump to make one part a vessel for honor, and another for dishonor? 22What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much patience vessels wrath made for destruction, 23and that he might make known the riches of his glory

on vessels of mercy, which he prepared beforehand for qlory, 24us, whom he also called, not from the Jews only, but also from the Gentiles? 25As he says also in Hosea, "I will call them 'my people," which were not my people; and her 'beloved,' who was not beloved."

26"It will be that in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' There they will be called 'children of the living God.'" 271 saiah cries concerning Israel, "If the number of the children of Israel are as the sand of the sea, it is the remnant who will be saved; 28for He will finish the work

and cut it short in righteousness, because the LORD will make a short work upon the earth." 29As Isaiah has said before, "Unless the Lord of Armies had left us a seed, we would have become like Sodom, and would have been made like Gomorrah."

30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, who didn't follow after righteousness, attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith; 31but Israel, following after a law of righteousness, didn't arrive at the law of righteousness. 32Why? Because they didn't

seek it by faith, but as it were by works of the law. They stumbled over the stumbling stone; 33even as it is written, "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and a rock of offense; and no one who believes in him will be disappointed."

Romans Chapter 10 1Brothers, my heart's desire and my prayer to God is for Israel, that they may be saved. 2For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not according to

3For being ignorant of God's

righteousness, and seeking to

knowledge.

establish their own righteousness, they didn't subject themselves to the righteousness of God. 4For Christ is the fulfillment of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. 5For Moses writes about the righteousness of the law, "The one who does them will live

by them." 6But the righteousness which is of faith says this, "Don't say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down); 7or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead.)" 8But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your

mouth, and in your heart;" that is, the word of faith, which we preach: 9that if you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For with the heart, one believes unto righteousness:

and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in him will not be disappointed." 12For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, and is rich to all who call on

13For, "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in him whom they have not heard? How will they hear without a preacher?

15And how will they preach

unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Good News of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!" 16But they didn't all listen to the glad news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17So faith comes by hearing,

and hearing by the word of God. 18But I say, didn't they hear? Yes, most certainly, "Their sound went out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world." 19But I ask, didn't Israel know? First Moses says, "I will provoke you to jealousy with that which is no nation,

with a nation void of understanding I will make you angry." 20Isaiah is very bold, and says, "I was found by those who didn't seek me. I was revealed to those who didn't ask for me." 21But as to Israel he says, "All day long I stretched out my hands to a disobedient

and contrary people." Romans Chapter 11 11 ask then, did God reject his people? May it never be! For I also am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2God didn't reject his people, which he foreknew. Or don't

you know what the Scripture

says about Elijah? How

he pleads with God against Israel: 3"Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have broken down your altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life." 4But how does God answer him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee

to Baal." 5Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 6And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

7What then? That which Israel seeks for, that he didn't obtain, but the chosen ones obtained it, and the rest were hardened. 8According as it is written, "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear, to this very

9David says, "Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, a stumbling block, and a retribution to them. 10Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see. Bow down their back always." 111 ask then, did they stumble that they might fall? May it never be! But by their fall salvation has come

to the Gentiles, to provoke them to ealousy. 12Now if their fall is the riches of the world, and their loss the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness? 13For I speak to you who are Gentiles. Since then as I am an apostle to Gentiles, I

glorify my ministry; 14if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh, and may save some of them. 15For if the rejection of them is the reconciling of the world, what would their acceptance be, but life from the dead?

16If the first fruit is holy, so is the lump. If the root is holy, so are the branches. 17But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them, and became partaker with them of the root and of the richness of the olive tree;

18don't boast over the branches. But if you boast, it is not you who support the root, but the root supports 19You will say then, "Branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in." 20True; by their unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by your faith. Don't be

conceited, but fear; 21for if God didn't spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. 22See then the qoodness and severity of God. Toward those who fell, severity; but toward you, qoodness, if you continue in his qoodness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

23They also, if they don't continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. 24For if you were cut out of that which is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree, how much more will these, which are

the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? 25For I don't desire you to be ignorant, brothers, of this mystery, so that you won't be wise in your own conceits, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in,

26and so all Israel will be saved. Even as it is written, "There will come out of Zion the Deliverer, and he will turn away ungodliness from lacob. 27This is my covenant to them, when I will take away their sins." 28Concerning the Good News,

they are enemies for your

sake. But concerning the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sake. 29For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30For as you in time past were disobedient to God, but now have obtained mercy by their disobedience, 31even so these also have now been disobedient, that by

the mercy shown to you they may also obtain mercy. 32For God has shut up all to disobedience, that he might have mercy on all. 330h the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judqments, and his ways past tracing

34"For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" 35"Or who has first given to him, and it will be repaid to him again?" 36For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things. To him be the glory for ever! Amen.

Romans Chapter 12 1Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is vour spiritual service.

your spiritual service.

2Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so

that you may prove

what is the good, wellpleasing, and perfect will of 3For I say, through the grace that was given me, to every man who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think reasonably, as God has apportioned to each person a measure of faith.

4For even as we have many members in one body, and all the members don't have the same function, 5so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6Having gifts differing according to the grace that was given to us, if prophecy,

let us prophesy according to proportion of our faith; 7or service, let us give ourselves to service; or he who teaches, to his teaching; 8or he who exhorts, to his exhorting: he who gives, let him do it with liberality; he who rules, with diligence; he who shows mercy with

cheerfulness. 9Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil. Cling to that which is dood. 10In love of the brothers be tenderly affectionate one to another; in honor preferring one another; 11not lagging in diligence; fervent in spirit; serving the

Lord; 12rejoicing in hope; enduring in troubles; conti<u>nuing</u> steadfastly in prayer; 13contributing to the needs of the saints; given to hospitality. 14Bless those who persecute you; bless, and don't curse. 15Rejoice with those who rejoice. Weep with those who

weep. 16Be of the same mind one toward another. Don't set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Don't be wise in your own conceits. 17Repay no one evil for evil. Respect what is honorable in the sight of all men.

18If it is possible, as much

as it is up to you, be at peace with all men. 19Don't seek revenge yourselves, beloved, but give place to God's wrath. For it is written, "Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay, says the Lord." 20Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him a drink; for

in doing so, you will heap coals of fire on his head." 21Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans Chapter 13 1Let every soul be in subjection to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those who exist are ordained by

God. 2Therefore he who resists the authority, withstands the ordinance of God; and those who withstand will receive to themselves judgment. 3For rulers are not a terror to the good work, but to the evil. Do you desire to have no fear of the authority? Do that which is good, and you

will have praise from the 4for he is a servant of God to you for good. But if you do that which is evil, be afraid, for he doesn't bear the sword in vain; for he is a servant of God, an avenger for wrath to him who does evil. 5Therefore you need to be in subjection, not only because

of the wrath, but also for conscience' sake. 6For this reason you also pay taxes, for they are servants of God's service, attending continually on this very thing. 7Give therefore to everyone what you owe: taxes to whom taxes are due; customs to whom customs; respect to

whom respect; honor to whom honor. 80we no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. 9For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not give false testimony,"

"You shall not covet," and whatever other commandments there are, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10Love doesn't harm a neighbor. Love therefore is the fulfillment of the law. 11Do this, knowing the time, that it is already time for

you to awaken out of sleep, for salvation is now nearer to us than when we first believed. 12The night is far gone, and the day is near. Let's therefore throw off the works of darkness, and let's put on the armor of light. 13Let us walk properly, as in the day; not in reveling and

drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and lustful acts, and not in strife and jealousy 14But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, for its lusts. Romans Chapter 14 1Now accept one who is weak in faith, but not for disputes over opinions. 20ne man has faith to eat all

things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. 3Don't let him who eats despise him who doesn't eat. Don't let him who doesn't eat judge him who eats, for God has accepted him. 4Who are you who judge another's servant? To his own lord he stands or falls. Yes, he will be made to stand, for

God has power to make him stand. 50ne man esteems one day as more important. Another esteems every day alike. Let each man be fully assured in his own mind. 6He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the

day, to the Lord he does not

observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks. He who doesn't eat, to the Lord he doesn't eat, and gives God thanks. 7For none of us lives to himself, and none dies to himself. 8For if we live, we live to the Lord. Or if we die, we die to the Lord. If therefore we

live or die, we are the Lord's. 9For to this end Christ died, rose, and lived again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 10But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11For it is written, "As I live,' says the Lord, 'to me every knee will bow. Every tonque will confess to God."" 12So then each one of us will give account of himself to God. 13Therefore let's not judge one another any more, but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block in his

brother's way, or an occasion for falling. 141 know, and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean of itself; except that to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. 15Yet if because of food your brother is grieved, you walk

no longer in love. Don't destroy with your food him whom Christ died. 16Then don't let your good be slandered, 17for the Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18For he who serves Christ in

these things is acceptable to God and approved by men. 19So then, let us follow after things which make for peace, and things by which we may build one another up. 20Don't overthrow God's work for food's sake. All things indeed are clean, however it is evil for that man who creates a stumbling block by

eating. 211t is good to not eat meat, drink wine, nor do anything by which your brother stumbles, is offended, or is made weak. 22Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who doesn't judge himself in that which he

approves. 23But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because it isn't of faith; and whatever is not of faith is 24Now to him who is able to establish you according to my Good News and the preaching of Jesus Christ,

according to the revelation of

the mystery which has been kept secret through long ages, 25but now is revealed, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God. is made known for obedience of faith to all the nations; 26to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom

be the glory forever! Amen. Romans Chapter 15 1Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which

his neighbor for that which is good, to be building him up.

3For even Christ didn't please

himself. But, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." 4For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that through patience and through encouragement of the Scriptures we might have

5Now the God of patience

and of encouragement grant you to be of the same mind one with another according Christ Jesus, 6that with one accord you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7Therefore accept one another even as Christ also accepted

you, to the qlory of God. 8Now I say that Christ has been made a servant of the circumcision for the truth of God, that he might confirm promises given to the fathers, 9and that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore will I give praise to you among the Gentiles, and sing to your 10Again he says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people." 11Again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Let all the peoples praise him." 12Aqain, Isaiah says, "There will be the root of Jesse, he who arises to rule over the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles

will hope." 13Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Spirit. 14I myself am also persuaded about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of qoodness, filled with all

knowledge, able also to admonish others. 15But I write the more boldly to you in part, as reminding you, because of the grace that was given to me by God, 16that I should be a servant of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, serving as a priest the Good News of God, that

the offering up of the Gentiles might be made acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. 17I have therefore my boasting in Christ Jesus in things pertaining to God. 18For I will not dare to speak of any things except those which Christ worked through me, for the obedience of

the Gentiles, by word and deed, 19in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of God's Spirit; so that from Jerusalem, and around as far as to Illyricum, I have fully preached the Good News of Christ; 20 yes, making it my aim to

preach the Good News, not where Christ was already named, that I might not build another's foundation. 21But, as it is written, "They will see, to whom no news of him came. They who haven't heard will understand." 22Therefore also I was hindered these many times

from coming to you, 23but now, no longer having any place in these regions, and having these many years a longing to come to you, 24whenever I journey to Spain, I will come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on way there by you, if first I

may enjoy your company for a while. 25But now, I say, I am going to Jerusalem, serving the saints. 26For it has been the good pleasure of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor the saints who are at

lerusalem. 27Yes, it has been their good pleasure, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, they owe it to them also to serve them in fleshly things. 28When therefore I have accomplished this, and have

sealed to them this fruit, I

will go on by way of you to Spain. 29I know that, when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of the Good News of Christ. 30Now I beg you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in your prayers to God for

31that I may be delivered from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints; 32that I may come to you in joy through the will of God, and together with you, find rest.

33Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen. Romans Chapter 16 II commend to you Phoebe, our sister, who is a servant of the assembly that is at Cenchreae, 2that you receive her in the Lord, in a way worthy of the

saints, and that you assist

her in whatever matter she

may need from you, for she herself also has been a helper of many, and of my own self. 3Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ esus. 4who for my life, laid down their own necks; to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the assemblies of the Gentiles.

5Greet the assembly that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first fruits of Achaia to Christ. 6Greet Mary, who labored much for us. 7Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives and my fellow prisoners, who are notable

among the apostles, who

also were in Christ before me 8Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord. 9Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved. 10Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus. 11Greet Herodion, my kinsman.

Greet them of the household of Narcissus, who are in the Lord. 12Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, who labor in the Lord. Greet Persis, the beloved, who labored much in the Lord. 13Greet Rufus, the chosen in the Lord, and his mother and

14Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. 15Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. 16Greet one another with a holy kiss. The assemblies of

Christ greet you.

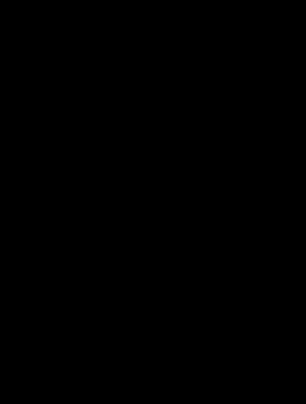
17Now I beg you, brothers, look out for those who are causing the divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and turn away from them. 18For those who are such don't serve our Lord, Jesus Christ, but their own belly;

and by their smooth and flattering speech, they deceive the hearts of the innocent. 19For your obedience has become known to all. I rejoice therefore over you. But I desire to have you wise in that which is good, but innocent in that which is evil. 20And the God of peace will

quickly crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you 21Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you, as do Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my relatives. 221, Tertius, who write the letter, greet you in the Lord. 23Gaius, my host and host of the whole assembly, greets

you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, as does Quartus, the brother. 24The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! Amen.

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1 Corinthians Chapter 1

1Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and our brother

Sosthenes, 2to the assembly of God which is at Corinth; those

who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, both theirs and 3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4I always thank my God concerning you, for the grace

of God which was given you in Christ Jesus; 5that in everything you were enriched in him, in all speech and all knowledge; beven as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: 7so that you come behind in no qift; waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ:

8who will also confirm you until the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. 10Now I beg you, brothers, through the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, that you all

speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 11For it has been reported to me concerning you, my brothers, by those who are from Chloe's household, that

there are contentions among 12Now I mean this, that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," "I follow Apollos," "I follow Cephas," and, "I follow Christ." 13Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized into the name of Paul?

14I thank God that I baptized none of you, except Crispus and Gaius, 15so that no one should say that I had baptized you into my own name. 16(I also baptized the household of Stephanas; besides them, I don't know whether I baptized any other.)

17For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Good News--not in wisdom of words, so that the cross of Christ wouldn't be made void. 18For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are dying, but to us who are saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the

wise, I will bring the discernment of the discerning to nothing." 20Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the lawyer of this world? Hasn't God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21For seeing that in the wisdom of God, the world through its wisdom didn't

know God, it was God's good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save those who believe. 22For Jews ask for signs, Greeks seek after wisdom, 23but we preach Christ crucified; a stumbling block to Jews, and foolishness to Greeks. 24but to those who are called

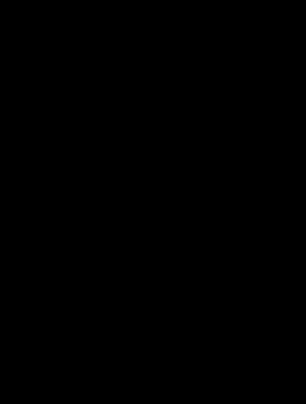
both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26For you see your calling, brothers, that not many are wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, and not

many noble; 27 but God chose the foolish things of the world that he might put to shame those who are wise. God chose the weak things of the world, that he might put to shame the things that are strong; 28and God chose the lowly things of the world, and the things that are despised, and

the things that are not, that he might bring to nothing the things that are: 29that no flesh should boast before God. 30But of him, you are in Christ Jesus, who was made to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption:

31that, according as it is written, "He who boasts, let

him boast in the Lord."



1 Corinthians Chapter 2

IWhen I came to you, brothers, I didn't come with excellence of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God.

2For I determined not to know anything among you, except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 31 was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4My speech and my preaching were not in persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration

of the Spirit and of power, 5that your faith wouldn't stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 6We speak wisdom, however, among those who are full grown; yet a wisdom not of this world, nor of the rulers of this world, who are coming to nothing.

7But we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the wisdom that has been hidden, which God foreordained before the worlds for our glory, 8which none of the rulers of this world has known. For had they known it, they wouldn't have crucified the Lord of qlory. 9But as it is written, "Things

which an eye didn't see, and an ear didn't hear, which didn't enter into the heart of man, these God has prepared for those who love him." 10But to us, God revealed them through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11For who among men knows the things of a man, except

the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so, no one knows the things of God, except God's Spirit. 12But we received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might know the things that were freely given to us by God. 13Which things also we

speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual things. 14Now the natural man doesn't receive the things of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to him, and he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

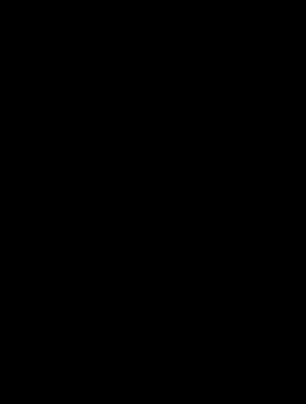
15But he who is spiritual discerns all things, and he himself is judged by no one.

16''For who has known the

should instruct him?" But we

mind of the Lord, that he

have Christ's mind.



1 Corinthians Chapter 3

1Brothers, I couldn't speak to you as to spiritual, but as to fleshly, as to babies in Christ. 2I fed you with milk, not with meat; for you weren't

yet ready. Indeed, not even

now are you ready, 3for you are still fleshly. For insofar as there is jealousy, strife, and factions among you, aren't you fleshly, and don't you walk in the ways of men? 4For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," aren't you fleshly? 5Who then is Apollos, and

who is Paul, but servants through whom you believed; and each as the Lord gave to him? 6I planted. Apollos watered. But God gave the increase. 7So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. 8Now he who plants and he

who waters are the same, but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's farming, God's building. 10According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another

builds on it. But let each man be careful how he builds on it. 11For no one can lay any other foundation than that which has been laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12But if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or stubble;

13each man's work will be revealed. For the Day will declare it, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire itself will test what sort of work each man's work is. 14If any man's work remains which he built on it, he will receive a reward. 15If any man's work is burned, he will suffer loss,

but he himself will be saved, but as through fire. 16Don't you know that you are a temple of God, and that God's Spirit lives in you? 171f anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, which you are. 18Let no one deceive himself. If anyone thinks that he is

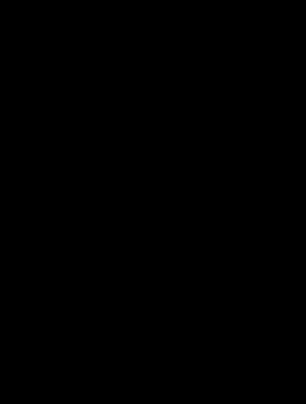
wise among you in this world, let him become a fool, that he may become wise. 19For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He has taken the wise in their craftiness." 20And again, "The Lord knows the reasoning of the wise, that it is worthless."

21Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are VOUIS, 22whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or

things to come. All are yours,

23 and you are Christ's, and

Christ is God's.



1 Corinthians Chapter 4

1So let a man think of us as Christ's servants, and stewards of God's mysteries.

2Here, moreover, it is required

of stewards, that they be

found faithful.

3But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you, or by man's judgment. Yes, I don't judge own self. 4For I know nothing against myself. Yet I am not justified by this, but he who judges

me is the Lord.

5Therefore judge nothing

before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each man will get his praise from God. 6Now these things, brothers, I have in a figure transferred to myself and Apollos for

your sakes, that in us you might learn not to think beyond the things which are written, that none of you be puffed up against one another. 7For who makes you different? And what do you have that you didn't receive? But if you did receive it, why

you boast as if you had not received it? 8You are already filled. You have already become rich. You have come to reign without us. Yes, and I wish that you did reign, that we also might reign with you. 9For, I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last of all, like men sentenced to

death. For we are made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and men. 10We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You have honor, but we have dishonor. 11Even to this present hour we hunger, thirst, are naked,

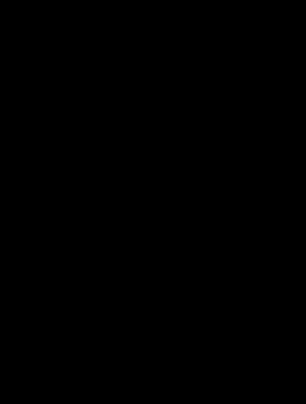
are beaten, and have no certain dwelling place. 12We toil, working with our own hands. When people curse us, we bless. Being persecuted, we endure. 13Being defamed, we entreat. We are made as the filth of the world, the dirt wiped off by all, even until now. 14I don't write these things

to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. 15For though you have ten thousand tutors in Christ, yet not many fathers. For in Christ Jesus, I became your father through the Good News. 16I beg you therefore, be imitators of me. 17Because of this I have sent

Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, even as I teach everywhere in every assembly. 18Now some are puffed up, as though I were not coming to 19But I will come to you

shortly, if the Lord is willing. And I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power. 20For the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. 21What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of

qentleness?



1 Corinthians Chapter 5

IIt is actually reported that
there is sexual immorality
among you, and such sexual
immorality as is not even
named among the Gentiles,
that one has his father's wife

2You are puffed up, and didn't rather mourn, that he who had done this deed might be removed from among you. 3For I most certainly, as being absent in body but present in spirit, have already, as though I were present, judged him who has done this thing.

4In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, you being qathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, Sare to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

6Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole lump? 7Purge out the old yeast, that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed in our place. 8Therefore let us keep the

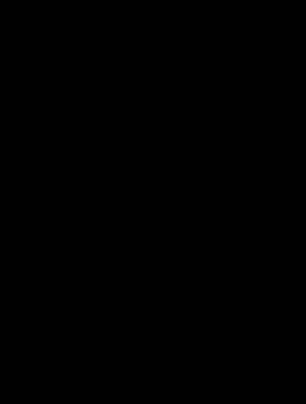
feast, not with old yeast, neither with the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 91 wrote to you in my letter to have no company with sexual sinners; 10 yet not at all meaning with the sexual sinners of this world, or with the

covetous and extortioners, or with idolaters; for then you would have to leave the world. 11But as it is, I wrote to you not to associate with anyone who is called a brother who is a sexual sinner, or covetous, or an idolater, or a slanderer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner. Don't even eat

12For what have I to do with also judging those who are outside? Don't you judge those who are within? 13But those who are outside, God judges. "Put away the wicked man from among

with such a person.

yourselves."



1 Corinthians Chapter 6

1Dare any of you, having a matter against his neighbor, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before

the

saints?

2Don't you know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3Don't you know that we will judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? 4If then, you have to judge

things pertaining to this life,

do you set them to judge who are of no account in the assembly? 51 say this to move you to shame. Isn't there even one wise man among you who would be able to decide between his brothers? 6But brother goes to law with brother, and that before

unbelievers! 7Therefore it is already altogether a defect in you, that you have lawsuits one with another. Why not rather 90 wronged? Why not rather be defrauded? 8No, but you yourselves do wrong, and defraud, and that against your brothers.

90r don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor homosexuals, 10nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor slanderers, nor extortioners, will inherit

the Kingdom of God. 11Such were some of you, but you were washed. But you were sanctified. But you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and in the Spirit of our God. 12"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are expedient. "All things are lawful for me," but I will

not be brought under the power of anything. 13"Foods for the belly, and the belly for foods," but God will bring to nothing both it and them. But the body is not for sexual immorality, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. 14Now God raised up the Lord, and will also raise us

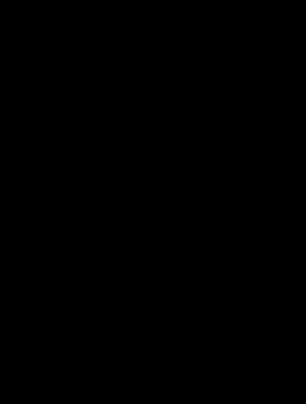
up by his power. 15Don't you know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them members of a prostitute? May it never be! 160r don't you know that he who is joined to a prostitute is one body? For, "The two," says he, "will become one

flesh." 17But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. 18Flee sexual immorality! "Every sin that a man does is outside the body," but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. 190r don't you know that your body is a temple of the

Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have from God? are not your own, 20for you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God

in your body and in your

spirit, which are God's.



1 Corinthians Chapter 7

1Now concerning the things about which you wrote to me it is good for a man not to touch a woman.

2But, because of sexual

immoralities, let each man

have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. 3Let the husband render to his wife the affection owed her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. 4The wife doesn't have authority over her own body, but the husband. Likewise also the husband doesn't have

authority over his own body, but the wife. 5Don't deprive one another, unless it is by consent for a season, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer, and may be together again, that Satan doesn't tempt you because of your lack of self-control. 6But this I say by way of

concession, not of commandment. 7Yet I wish that all men were like me. However each man has his own qift from God, one of this kind, and another of that kind. 8But I say to the unmarried and to widows, it is good for them if they remain even as

I am. 9But if they don't have selfcontrol, let them marry. For it's better to marry than to burn. 10But to the married I command--not I, but the Lord--that the wife not leave her husband 11(but if she departs, let her remain unmarried, or else be

reconciled to her husband), and that the husband not leave his wife. 12But to the rest I--not the Lord--say, if any brother has an unbelieving wife, and she is content to live with him, let him not leave her. 13The woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he is content to live with her,

let her not leave her husband. 14For the unbelieving husband is sanctified in the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified in the husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. 15Yet if the unbeliever departs, let there be

separation. The brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases, but God has called us in peace. 16For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife? 170nly, as the Lord has

distributed to each man, as God has called each, so let him walk. So I command in all the assemblies. 18Was anyone called having been circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Has anyone been called in uncircumcision? Let him not be circumcised.

19Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God. 20Let each man stay in that calling in which he was called. 21Were you called being a bondservant? Don't let that bother you, but if you get an opportunity to become free,

use it. 22For he who was called in the Lord being a bondservant is the Lord's free man. Likewise he who was called being free is Christ's bondservant. 23You were bought with a price. Don't become bondservants of men.

24Brothers, let each man, in

whatever condition he was called, stay in that condition with God. 25Now concerning virgins, I have no commandment from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who has obtained mercy from the Lord to be trustworthy. 26I think that it is good therefore, because of the

distress that is on us, that it is good for a man to be as he is. 27Are you bound to a wife? Don't seek to be freed. Are you free from a wife? Don't seek a wife. 28But if you marry, you have not sinned. If a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Yet such will have oppression

the flesh, and I want to spare 29But I say this, brothers: the time is short, that from now on, both those who have wives may be as though they had none; 30and those who weep, as though they didn't weep; and those who rejoice, as though

they didn't rejoice; and those who buy, as though they didn't possess; 31and those who use the world, as not using it to the fullest. For the mode of this world passes away. 32But I desire to have you to be free from cares. He who is unmarried is concerned for the things of the Lord, how

he may please the Lord; 33but he who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife. 34There is also a difference between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit.

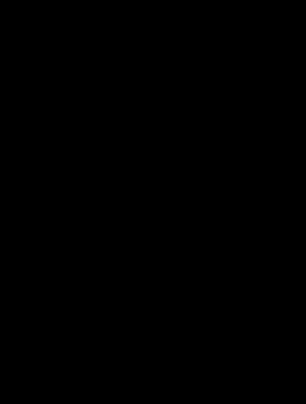
But she who is married cares about the things of the world--how she may please her husband. 35This I say for your own profit; not that I may ensnare you, but for that which is appropriate, and that you may attend to the Lord without distraction.

36But if any man thinks that he is behaving inappropriately toward his virgin, if she is past the flower of her age, and if need so requires, let him do what he desires. He doesn't sin. Let them marry. 37But he who stands steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but has power

over his own heart, to keep own virgin, does well. 38So then both he who gives his own virgin in marriage does well, and he who doesn't qive her in marriage does better. 39A wife is bound by law for as long as her husband lives; but if the husband is

dead, she is free to be married to whoever she desires, only in the Lord. 40But she is happier if she stays as she is, in my judgment, and I think that I

also have God's Spirit.



1 Corinthians Chapter 8

1Now concerning things sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

2But if anyone thinks that he

knows anything, he doesn't vet know as he ought to know. 3But if anyone loves God, the same is known by him. 4Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that no idol is anything in the world, and that there is no other God but one.

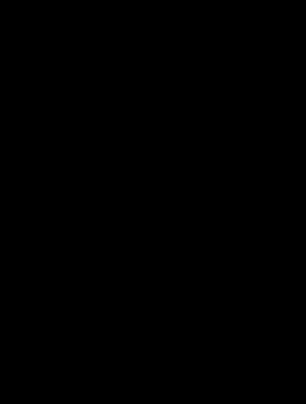
5For though there are things that are called "qods," whether in the heavens or on earth; as there are many "qods" and many "lords;" Gyet to us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things,

and we live through him. 7However, that knowledge isn't in all men. But some, with consciousness of the idol until now, eat as of a thing sacrificed to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8But food will not commend us to God. For neither, if we

don't eat, are we the worse; nor, if we eat, are we the better. 9But be careful that by no means does this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to the weak. 10For if a man sees you who have knowledge sitting in an idol's temple, won't his conscience, if he is weak, be

emboldened to eat things sacrificed to idols? 11And through your knowledge, he who is weak perishes, the brother for whose sake Christ died. 12Thus, sinning against the brothers, and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. 13Therefore, if food causes

my brother to stumble, I will eat no meat forevermore, that I don't cause my brother to stumble.



1 Corinthians Chapter 9

1Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Haven't I seen Jesus Christ, our Lord? Aren't you my work in the Lord?
2If to others I am not an

apostle, yet at least I am to

you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. 3My defense to those who examine me is this. 4Have we no right to eat and to drink? 5Have we no right to take along a wife who is a believer, even as the rest of the apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?

60r have only Barnabas and I no right to not work? 7What soldier ever serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard, and doesn't eat of its fruit? Or who feeds a flock, and doesn't drink from the flock's milk? 8Do I speak these things according to the ways of men? Or doesn't the law also

say the same thing? 9For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it for the oxen that God cares, 10or does he say it assuredly for our sake? Yes, it was written for our sake, because he who plows ought to plow in hope, and he who threshes

in hope should partake of his hope. 11If we sowed to you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we reap your fleshly things? 12If others partake of this right over you, don't we yet more? Nevertheless we did not use this right, but we

all things, that we may cause no hindrance to the Good News of Christ. 13Don't you know that those who serve around sacred things eat from the things of the temple, and those who wait on the altar have their portion with the altar? 14Even so the Lord ordained that those who proclaim the

Good News should live from the Good News. 15But I have used none of these things, and I don't write these things that it may be done so in my case; for I would rather die, than that anyone should make my boasting void. 16For if I preach the Good

News, I have nothing to boast about; for necessity is laid on me; but woe is to me, if I don't preach the Good News. 17For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward. But if not of my own will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me. 18What then is my reward? That, when I preach the Good News, I may present the Good

News of Christ without charge, so as not to abuse my authority in the Good News. 19For though I was free from all, I brought myself under bondage to all, that I might gain the more. 20To the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might qain Jews: to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I

might gain those who are under the law; 21to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law. 22To the weak I became as weak, that I might gain the

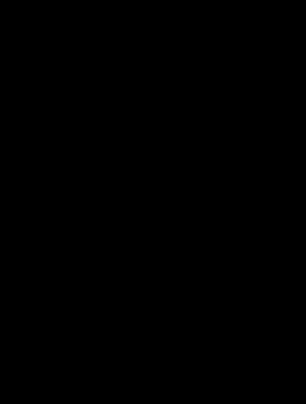
weak. I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some. 23Now I do this for the sake of the Good News, that I may be a joint partaker of it. 24Don't you know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run like that, that you may

25Every man who strives in the games exercises selfcontrol in all things. Now they do it to receive a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. 261 therefore run like that, as not uncertainly. I fight like that, as not beating the air,

27but I beat my body and bring it into submission, lest by any means, after I have

preached to others, I myself

should be rejected.



1 Corinthians Chapter 10

1Now I would not have you ignorant, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2and were all baptized into

Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3and all ate the same spiritual food; 4and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock Was Christ. 5However with most of them,

God was not well pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 6Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. 7Neither be idolaters, as some of them were. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up

to play." 8Neither let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them committed, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. 9Neither let us test the Lord, as some of them tested, and perished by the serpents. 10Neither grumble, as some of them also grumbled, and

perished by the destroyer. 11Now all these things happened to them by way of example, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12Therefore let him who thinks he stands be careful that he doesn't fall.

13No temptation has taken you except what is common to man. God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able, but will with the temptation also make the way of escape, that you may able to endure it. 14Therefore, my beloved, flee

from idolatry. 151 speak as to wise men. Judge what I say. 16The cup of blessing which we bless, isn't it a sharing of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, isn't it a sharing of the body of Christ? 17Because there is one loaf of bread, we, who are many,

are one body; for we all partake of the one loaf of bread. 18Consider Israel according to the flesh. Don't those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar? 19What am I saying then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?

20But I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God, and I don't desire that you would have fellowship with demons. 21 You can't both drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You can't both partake of the table of the

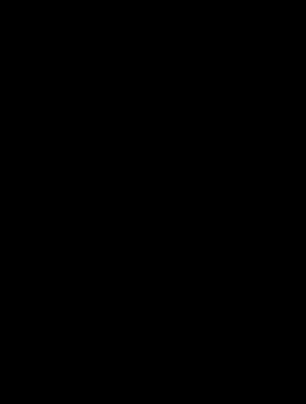
and of the table of demons. 220r do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he? 23"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are profitable. "All things are lawful for me," but not all things build up. 24Let no one seek his own, but each one his neighbor's

qood. 25Whatever is sold in the butcher shop, eat, asking no question for the sake of conscience, 26for "the earth is the Lord's, and its fullness." 27But if one of those who don't believe invites you to a meal, and you are inclined to go, eat whatever is set before

you, asking no questions for the sake of conscience. 28But if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," don't eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for the sake of conscience. For "the earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness." 29Conscience, I say, not your own, but the other's

conscience. For why is my liberty judged by another conscience? 30If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced for that for which I give thanks? 31Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 32Give no occasions for

stumbling, either to Jews, or to Greeks, or to the assembly of God; 33even as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of the many, that they may be saved.



1 Corinthians Chapter 11

I also am of Christ.

2Now I praise you, brothers,
that you remember me in all
things, and hold firm the
traditions, even as I delivered

1Be imitators of me, even as

them to you. 3But I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is the man, and the head of Christ is God. 4Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonors his head. 5But every woman praying or prophesying with her head

unveiled dishonors her head. For it is one and the same thing as if she were shaved. 6For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered. 7For a man indeed ought not to have his head covered, because he is the image and

glory of God, but the woman is the glory of the man. 8For man is not from woman, but woman from man; 9for neither was man created for the woman, but woman for the man. 10For this cause the woman ought to have authority on her head, because of the angels.

11Nevertheless, neither is the woman independent of the man, nor the man independent of the woman, in the Lord. 12For as woman came from man, so a man also comes through a woman; but all things are from God.

13 Judge for yourselves. Is it

appropriate that a woman pray to God unveiled? 14Doesn't even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him? 15But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her, for her hair is given to her for a covering. 16But if any man seems to

be contentious, we have no such custom, neither do God's assemblies. 17But in giving you this command, I don't praise you, that you come together not for the better but for the WOI'Se. 18For first of all, when you come together in the assembly, I hear that

divisions exist among you, and I partly believe it. 19For there also must be factions among you, that those who are approved may be revealed among you. 20When therefore you assemble yourselves together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. 21For in your eating each one takes his own supper first. One is hungry, and another is drunken. 22What, don't you have houses to eat and to drink in? Or do you despise God's assembly, and put them to shame who don't have? What shall I tell you? Shall I praise you?

In this I don't praise you. 23For I received from the Lord that which also I delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night in which he was betrayed took bread. 24When he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "Take, eat. This is my body, which is

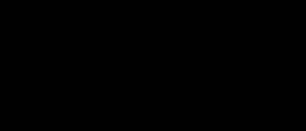
broken for you. Do this in

memory of me." 25In the same way he also took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink, in memory of me." 26For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

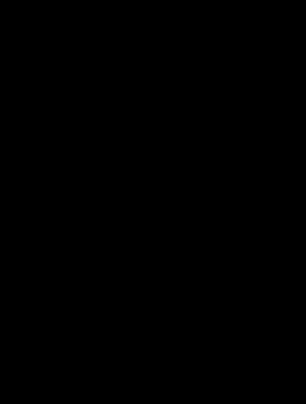
27Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks the Lord's cup in a way unworthy of the Lord will be quilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. 28But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread, and drink of the 29For he who eats and drinks

in an unworthy way eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he doesn't discern the Lord's body. 30For this cause many among you are weak and sickly, and not a few sleep. 31For if we discerned ourselves, we wouldn't be judged. 32But when we are judged,

we are punished by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. 33Therefore, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. 34But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest your coming together be for judgment. The rest I will set



order whenever I come.



1 Corinthians Chapter 12

1Now concerning spiritual things, brothers, I don't want you to be ignorant.

2You know that when you were heathen, you were led

away to those mute idols,

however you might be led. 3Therefore I make known to you that no man speaking by God's Spirit says, "Jesus is accursed." No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," but by the Holy Spirit. 4Now there are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5There are various kinds of service, and the same Lord.

6There are various kinds of workings, but the same God, who works all things in all. 7But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the profit of all. 8For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, and to another the word of knowledge, according

the same Spirit: 9to another faith, by the same Spirit; and to another qifts of healings, by the same Spirit: 10and to another workings of miracles; and to another prophecy; and to another discerning of spirits; to another different kinds of languages;

and to another the interpretation of languages. 11But the one and the same Spirit works all of these, distributing to each one separately as he desires. 12For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ.

13For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free; and Were all given to drink into one Spirit. 14For the body is not one member, but many. 15If the foot would say, "Because I'm not the hand,

I'm not part of the body" it is not therefore not part of the body. 16If the ear would say, "Because I'm not the eye, I'm not part of the body," it's not therefore not part of the ybody. 17If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were

hearing, where would the smelling be? 18But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body, just as he desired. 191f they were all one member, where would the body be? 20But now they are many members, but one body.

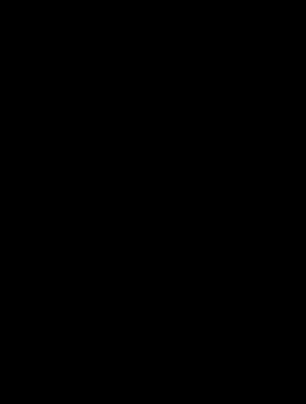
21The eye can't tell the hand, "I have no need for you," or again the head to the feet, "I have no need for you." 22No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. 23Those parts of the body which we think to be less honorable, on those we

bestow more abundant honor; our unpresentable parts have more abundant propriety; 24whereas our presentable parts have no such need. But God composed the body together, giving more abundant honor to the inferior part, 25that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. 26When one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. Or when one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. 27Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

28God has set some in the assembly: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracle workers, then qifts of healings, helps, qovernments, and various kinds of languages. 29Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all miracle workers?

30Do all have qifts of healings? Do all speak with various languages? Do all interpret? 31But earnestly desire the best qifts. Moreover, I show a

most excellent way to you.



1 Corinthians Chapter 13

IIf I speak with the languages of men and of angels, but don't have love, I have become sounding brass,

clanging cymbal.

2If I have the qift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but don't have love, I am nothing. 3If I dole out all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but don't have love, it profits me nothing.

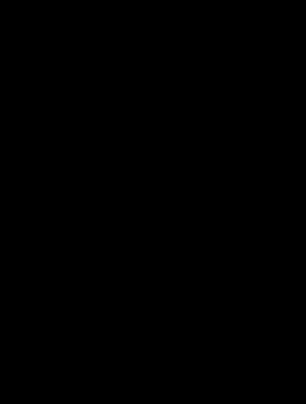
4Love is patient and is kind; love doesn't envy. Love doesn't braq, is not proud, 5doesn't behave itself inappropriately, doesn't seek its own way, is not provoked, takes no account of evil; 6doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; Thears all things, believes all

things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will be done away with. Where there are various languages, they will cease. Where there is knowledge, it will be done away with. 9For we know in part, and we prophesy in part;

10but when that which is complete has come, then that which is partial will be done away with. 11When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child. Now that I have become a man, I have put away childish things. 12For now we see in a mirror

dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, even as I was also fully known. 13But now faith, hope, and love remain--these three. The

greatest of these is love.



1 Corinthians Chapter 14

1Follow after love, and earnestly desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

2For he who speaks in

another language speaks not

to men, but to God; for no one understands; but in the Spirit he speaks mysteries. 3But he who prophesies speaks to men for their edification, exhortation, and consolation. 4He who speaks in another language edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the

assembly. 5Now I desire to have you all speak with other languages, but rather that you would prophesy. For he is greater who prophesies than he who speaks with other languages, unless he interprets, that the assembly may be built 6But now, brothers, if I come

to you speaking with other languages, what would I profit you, unless I speak to either by way of revelation, or of knowledge, or of prophesying, or of teaching? 7Even things without life, giving a voice, whether pipe or harp, if they didn't give a distinction in the sounds, how

would it be known what is piped or harped? 8For if the trumpet gave an uncertain sound, who would prepare himself for war? 9So also you, unless you uttered by the tongue words easy to understand, how would it be known what is spoken? For you would be speaking into the air.

10There are, it may be, so many kinds of sounds in the world, and none of them is without meaning. 11If then I don't know the meaning of the sound, I would be to him who speaks a foreigner, and he who speaks would be a foreigner to me. 12So also you, since you are

zealous for spiritual gifts, seek that you may abound to the building up of the assembly. 13Therefore let him who speaks in another language pray that he may interpret. 14For if I pray in another language, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also. I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. 160therwise if you bless with the spirit, how will he who fills the place of the unlearned say the "Amen" at

your giving of thanks, seeing he doesn't know what you say? 17For you most certainly give thanks well, but the other person is not built up. 18I thank my God, I speak with other languages more than you all. 19However in the assembly I would rather speak five words with my understanding that I might instruct others also, than ten thousand words in another language. 20 Brothers, don't be children in thoughts, yet in malice be babies, but in thoughts be mature. 21In the law it is written, "By men of strange languages and by the lips of

strangers I will speak to this people. Not even thus will they hear me, says the Lord." 22Therefore other languages are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to the unbelieving; but prophesying is for a sign, not to the unbelieving, but to those who

believe.

23If therefore the whole assembly is assembled together and all speak with other languages, and unlearned or unbelieving people come in, won't they say that you are Crazy? 24But if all prophesy, and someone unbelieving or unlearned comes in, he is

reproved by all, and he is judged by 25 And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed. So he will fall down on his face and worship God, declaring that God is among you indeed. 26What is it then, brothers? When you come together, each one of you has a psalm, has a

teaching, has a revelation, has another language, has an interpretation. Let all things be done to build each other 271f any man speaks in another language, let it be two, or at the most three, and in turn; and let one interpret. 28But if there is no

interpreter, let him keep silent in the assembly, and let him speak to himself, and to God. 29Let the prophets speak, two or three, and let the others discern. 30But if a revelation is made to another sitting by, let the first keep silent. 31For you all can prophesy

one by one, that all may learn, and all may be exhorted. 32The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets, 33for God is not a God of confusion, but of peace. As in all the assemblies of the saints, 34let your wives keep silent in the assemblies, for it has

not been permitted for them to speak; but let them be in subjection, as the law also says. 35If they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home, for it is shameful for a woman to chatter in the assembly. 36What? Was it from you

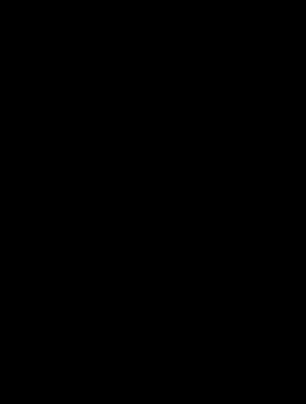
that the word of God went

out? Or did it come to you alone? 37If any man thinks himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him recognize the things which I write to you, that they are the commandment of the Lord. 38But if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant. 39Therefore, brothers, desire

earnestly to prophesy, and don't forbid speaking with other languages.

40Let all things be done

decently and in order.



1 Corinthians Chapter 15

1Now I declare to you, brothers, the Good News which I preached to you, which also you received, in which you also stand, 2by which also you are saved if you hold firmly the word which I preached to you-unless you believed in vain. 3For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day

according to the Scriptures, Sand that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6Then he appeared to over five hundred brothers at once. most of whom remain until now, but some have also fallen asleep. 7Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8and last of all, as to the

child born at the wrong time, he appeared to me also. 9For I am the least of the apostles, who is not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the assembly of God. 10But by the grace of God I am what I am. His grace which was bestowed on me

was not futile, but I worked than all of them; yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. 11Whether then it is I or they, so we preach, and so you believed. 12Now if Christ is preached, that he has been raised from the dead, how do some among

you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13But if there is no resurrection of the dead, neither has Christ been raised. 14If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith also is in vain. 15Yes, we are found false

witnesses of God, because we testified about God that he raised up Christ, whom he didn't raise up, if it is so that the dead are not raised. 16For if the dead aren't raised, neither has Christ been raised. 171f Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins.

18Then they also who are fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable. 20But now Christ has been raised from the dead. He became the first fruits of those who are asleep. 21For since death came by

man, the resurrection of the dead also came by man. 22For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. 23But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then those who are Christ's, at his coming. 24Then the end comes, when he will deliver up the

Kingdom to God, even the Father; when he will have abolished all rule and all authority and power. 25For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26The last enemy that will be abolished is death. 27For, "He put all things in

subjection under his feet." But when he says, "All things are put in subjection." it is evident that he is excepted who subjected all things to him. 28When all things have been subjected to him, then the Son will also himself be subjected to him who subjected

all things to him, that God may be all in all. 290r else what will they do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead aren't raised at all, why then are they baptized for the dead? 30Why do we also stand in jeopardy every hour? 311 affirm, by the boasting in

you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. 32If I fought with animals at Ephesus for human purposes, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, then "let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." 33Don't be deceived! "Evil companionships corrupt good morals."

34 Wake up righteously, and don't sin, for some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. 35But someone will say, "How are the dead raised?" and, "With what kind of body do they come?" 36 You foolish one, that which you yourself sow is not made

alive unless it dies.

37That which you sow, you don't sow the body that will be, but a bare grain, maybe of wheat, or of some other 38But God gives it a body even as it pleased him, and to each seed a body of its 39All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh

of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds. 40There are also celestial bodies, and terrestrial bodies: but the glory of the celestial differs from that of the terrestrial. 41There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of

the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory. 42So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption. 43It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 44It is sown a natural body;

it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is also a spiritual body. 45So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Adam became a life-qiving spirit. 46However that which is spiritual isn't first, but that which is natural, then that which is spiritual.

47The first man is of the earth, made of dust. The second man is the Lord from heaven. 48As is the one made of dust, such are those who are also made of dust; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. 49As we have borne the image of those made of dust,

let's also bear the image of the heavenly. 50Now I say this, brothers, that flesh and blood can't inherit the Kingdom of God; neither does corruption inherit incorruption. 51Behold, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,

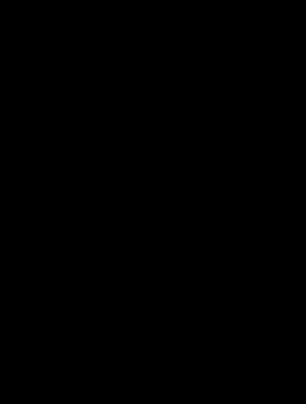
52in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed. 53For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on

immortality.

54But when this corruptible will have put on incorruption, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then what is written will happen: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 55"Death, where is your sting? Hades, where is your victory?" 56The sting of death is sin,

and the power of sin is the Jaw. 57But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the Lord's work, because know that your labor is not





1 Corinthians Chapter 16

INow concerning the collection for the saints, as I commanded the assemblies of Galatia, you do likewise.

20n the first day of the

week, let each one of you

save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when come. 3When I arrive, I will send whoever you approve with letters to carry your gracious qift to Jerusalem. 4If it is appropriate for me to go also, they will go with

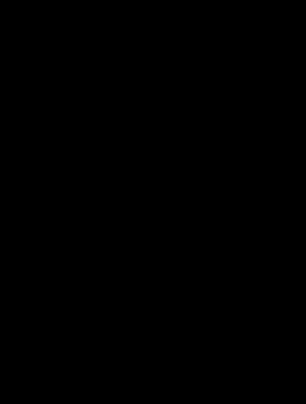
5But I will come to you when I have passed through Macedonia, for I am passing through Macedonia. 6But with you it may be that I will stay, or even winter, that you may send me on my journey wherever I go. 7For I do not wish to see you now in passing, but I hope to stay a while with you, if the

Lord permits. 8But I will stay at Ephesus until Pentecost, 9for a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries. 10Now if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without fear, for he does the work of the Lord, as I also do. 11Therefore let no one

despise him. But set him forward on his journey in peace, that he may come to me; for I expect him with the brothers. 12Now concerning Apollos, the brother, I strongly urged him to come to you with the brothers; and it was not at all his desire to come now; but he will come when he

has an opportunity. 13Watch! Stand firm in the faith! Be courageous! Be stronq! 14Let all that you do be done in love. 15Now I beg you, brothers (you know the house of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that

have set themselves to serve the saints), 16that you also be in subjection to such, and to everyone who helps in the work and labors. 171 rejoice at the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus; for that which was lacking on your part, they supplied. 18For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge those who are like that. 19The assemblies of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you much in the Lord, together with the assembly that is in their house. 20All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. 21This greeting is by me, Paul, with my own hand. 22If any man doesn't love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. Come, Lord! 23The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. 24My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen.



2 Corinthians Chapter 1

1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the assembly of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole

of Achaia: 2Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; 4who comforts us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort those who

are in any affliction, through the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5For as the sufferings of Christ abound to us, even so our comfort also abounds through Christ. 6But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation. If we are comforted

it is for your comfort, which produces in you the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer. 70ur hope for you is steadfast, knowing that, since you are partakers of the sufferings, so also are you of comfort.

8For we don't desire to have you uninformed, brothers, concerning our affliction which happened to us in Asia, that we were weighed down exceedingly, beyond our power, so much that we despaired even of life. 9Yes, we ourselves have had the sentence of death within

ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead, 10who delivered us out of so great a death, and does deliver; on whom we have set our hope that he will also still deliver us; 11 you also helping together on our behalf by your

supplication; that, for the gift bestowed on us by means of many, thanks may be given by many persons on your behalf. 12For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God we behaved ourselves in

the world, and more abundantly toward you. 13For we write no other things to you, than what you read or even acknowledge, and I hope you will acknowledge to the end; 14as also you acknowledged us in part, that we are your boasting, even as you also

are ours, in the day of our Lord Jesus. 15In this confidence, I was determined to come first to you, that you might have a second benefit; 16and by you to pass into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come to you, and to be sent forward by

my journey to Judea. 17When I therefore was thus determined, did I show fickleness? Or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be the "Yes, yes" and the "No, no?" 18But as God is faithful, our word toward you was not "Yes and no."

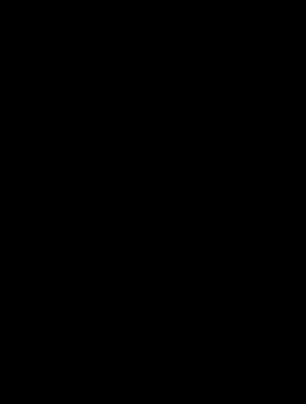
19For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, by me, Silvanus, and Timothy, was "Yes and no," but in him is "'z9Y" 20For however many are the promises of God, in him is the "Yes." Therefore also through him is the "Amen," to the

glory of God through us. 21Now he who establishes us with you in Christ, and anointed us, is God; 22who also sealed us, and gave us the down payment of the Spirit in our hearts. 23But I call God for a witness to my soul, that I didn't come to Corinth to spare you.

24Not that we have lordship over your faith, but are fellow workers with you for

your joy. For you stand firm

faith.



2 Corinthians Chapter 2

IBut I determined this for myself, that I would not come to you again in sorrow.

2For if I make you sorry, then who will make me glad but

he who is made sorry by

me? 3And I wrote this very thing to you, so that, when I came, I wouldn't have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy would be shared by all of you. 4For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears, not

that you should be made sorry, but that you might know the love that I have so abundantly for you. 5But if any has caused sorrow, he has caused sorrow, not to me, but in part (that I not press too heavily) to you 6Sufficient to such a one is this punishment which was

inflicted by the many; 7so that on the contrary you should rather forgive him and comfort him, lest by any means such a one should be swallowed up with his excessive sorrow. 8Therefore I beg you to confirm your love toward him. 9For to this end I also wrote, that I might know the proof

of you, whether you are obedient in all things. 10Now I also forgive whomever you forgive anything. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, 11that no advantage may be gained over us by Satan; for

we are not ignorant of his schemes. 12Now when I came to Troas for the Good News of Christ, and when a door was opened to me in the Lord, 13I had no relief for my spirit, because I didn't find Titus, my brother, but taking my leave of them, I went out

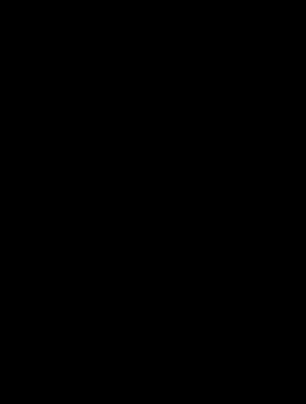
into Macedonia.

14Now thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and reveals through us the sweet aroma of his knowledge in every place. 15For we are a sweet aroma of Christ to God, in those who are saved, and in those who perish; 16to the one a stench from death to death; to the other a

Who is sufficient for these things? 17For we are not as so many, peddling the word of God. But as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God, we

speak in Christ.

sweet aroma from life to life.



2 Corinthians Chapter 3

we need, as do some, letters of commendation to you or

2You are our letter, written in

from you?

1Are we beginning again to commend ourselves? Or do

our hearts, known and read by all men; 3being revealed that you are a letter of Christ, served by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tablets of stone, but in tablets that are hearts of flesh. 4Such confidence we have through Christ toward God;

5not that we are sufficient of ourselves, to account anything as from ourselves; but our sufficiency is from God: 6who also made us sufficient as servants of a new covenant; not of the letter, but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit qives life.

7But if the service of death, written engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the children of Israel could not look steadfastly on the face of Moses for the glory of his face; which was passing away: 8won't service of the Spirit be with much more qlory? 9For if the service of

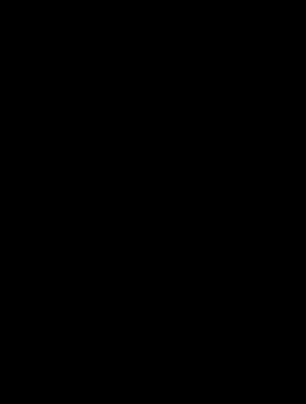
condemnation has glory, the service of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. 10For most certainly that which has been made glorious has not been made glorious in this respect, by reason of the glory that surpasses. 11For if that which passes away was with glory, much

more that which remains is in glory. 12Having therefore such a hope, we use great boldness of speech, 13and not as Moses, who put a veil on his face, that the children of Israel wouldn't look steadfastly on the end of that which was passing away. 14But their minds were

hardened, for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains, because in Christ it passes away. 15But to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. 16But whenever one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken

away. 17Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord, the

Spirit.



2 Corinthians Chapter 4

1Therefore seeing we have this ministry, even as we obtained mercy, we don't faint.

2But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not

walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by the manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3Even if our Good News is veiled, it is veiled in those who perish;

4in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the Good News of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn on them. 5For we don't preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake;

6seeing it is God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7But we have this treasure in clay vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not

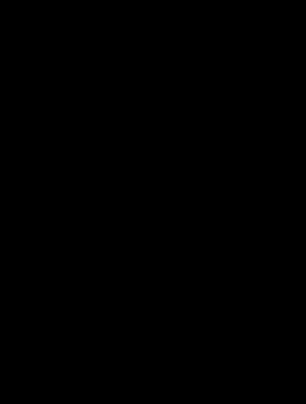
from ourselves. 8We are pressed on every side, yet not crushed; perplexed, yet not to despair; 9pursued, yet not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed; 10always carrying in the body the putting to death of the Lord Jesus, that the life

of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus may be revealed in our mortal flesh. 12So then death works in us, but life in you. 13But having the same spirit of faith, according to that

which is written, "I believed, and therefore I spoke." We also believe, and therefore also we speak; 14knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will present us with you. 15For all things are for your sakes, that the grace, being multiplied through the many,

may cause the thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. 16Therefore we don't faint, but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day. 17For our light affliction, which is for the moment, works for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight

qlory; 18while we don't look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.



2 Corinthians Chapter 5

1For we know that if the earthly house of our tent is dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens.

2For most certainly in this we groan, longing to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven; 3if so be that being clothed we will not be found naked. 4For indeed we who are in this tent do groan, being burdened; not that we desire to be unclothed, but that we desire to be clothed, that

what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5Now he who made us for this very thing is God, who also gave to us the down payment of the Spirit. 6Therefore, we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the

7for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8We are courageous, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord. 9Therefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well pleasing to him.

10For we must all be

revealed before the judgment seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 11Knowing therefore the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are revealed to God; and I hope that we are revealed also in your

consciences. 12For we are not commending ourselves to you again, but speak as giving you occasion of boasting on our behalf, that you may have something to answer those who boast in appearance, and not in heart. 13For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God. Or if we are of sober mind, it is

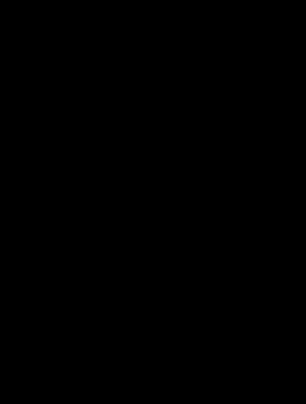
for you. 14For the love of Christ constrains us; because we judge thus, that one died for all, therefore all died. 15He died for all, that those who live should no longer live to themselves, but to him who for their sakes died and rose again. 16Therefore we know no one

after the flesh from now on. Even though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now we know him so no more. 17Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new. 18But all things are of God,

who reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not reckoning to them their trespasses, and having committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20We are therefore

ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21For him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; so that in him we might become the righteousness of





2 Corinthians Chapter 6

1 Working together, we entreat also that you not receive the grace of God in vain, 2 for he says, "At an

acceptable time I listened to

you, in a day of salvation I

helped you." Behold, now is the acceptable time. Behold, now is the day of salvation. 3We give no occasion of stumbling in anything, that our service may not be blamed, 4but in everything commending ourselves, as servants of God, in great endurance, in afflictions, in

hardships, in distresses, 5in beatings, in imprisonments, in riots, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; 6in pureness, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in sincere love. 7in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, 8by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; 9as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and not killed; 10as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making

many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things. 110ur mouth is open to you, Corinthians. Our heart is enlarged. 12You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your own affections. 13Now in return, I speak as to my children, you also be

open wide. 14Don't be unequally yoked with unbelievers, for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? 15What agreement has Christ with Belial? Or what portion has a believer with an

unbeliever?

16What agreement has a temple of God with idols? For you are a temple of the living God. Even as God said, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they will be my people." 17Therefore, "Come out from among them, and be

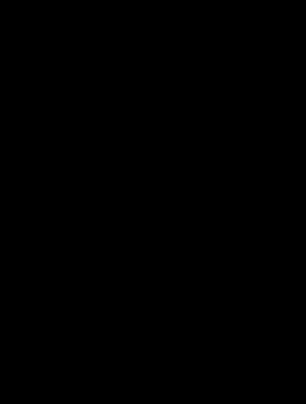
separate,' says the Lord.

'Touch no unclean thing. I will receive you. 18I will be to you a Father.

You will be to me sons and

daughters,' says the Lord

Almighty."



2 Corinthians Chapter 7

1Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit,

perfecting holiness in the

fear of God.

20pen your hearts to us. We wronged no one. We corrupted no one. We took advantage of no one. 31 say this not to condemn you, for I have said before, that you are in our hearts to die together and live together. 4Great is my boldness of speech toward you. Great is my boasting on your behalf. I

am filled with comfort. I overflow with joy in all our affliction. 5For even when we had come into Macedonia, our flesh had no relief, but we were afflicted on every side. Fightings were outside. Fear was inside. 6Nevertheless, he who comforts the lowly, God,

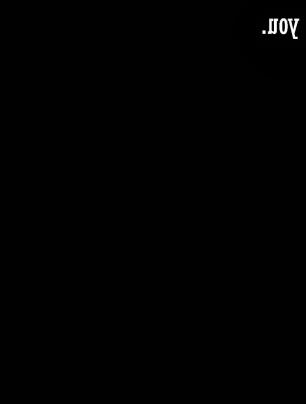
comforted us by the coming of Titus; 7and not by his coming only, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, while he told us of your longing, your mourning, and your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced still more. 8For though I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it, though I did regret it. For I see that my letter made you sorry, though just for a while. 91 now rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that you were made sorry to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly way, that you might suffer loss by us

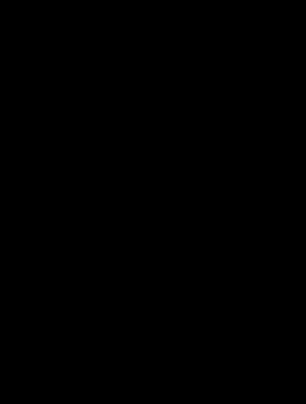
in nothing. 10For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation, which brings no regret. But the sorrow of the world works death. 11For behold, this same thing, that you were made sorry in a godly way, what earnest care it worked in you. Yes, what defense, indignation.

fear, longing, zeal, and vengeance! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to pure in the matter. 12So although I wrote to you, I wrote not for his cause that did the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered the wrong, but that your earnest care for us might be revealed

in you in the sight of God. 13Therefore we have been comforted. In our comfort we rejoiced the more exceedingly for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. 14For if in anything I have boasted to him on your behalf, I was not disappointed. But as we spoke

all things to you in truth, so our glorying also which I made before Titus was found to be truth. 15His affection is more abundantly toward you, while he remembers all of your obedience, how with fear and trembling you received him. 16I rejoice that in everything I am confident concerning





2 Corinthians Chapter 8

1 Moreover, brothers, we make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the assemblies of

Macedonia; 2how that in much proof of

affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded to the riches of their liberality. 3For according to their power, I testify, yes and beyond their power, they gave of their own accord, 4begging us with much entreaty to receive this grace

and the fellowship in the service to the saints. 5This was not as we had hoped, but first they gave their own selves to the Lord, and to us through the will of God. 6So we urged Titus, that as he made a beginning before, so he would also complete in you this grace.

7But as you abound in everything, in faith, utterance, knowledge, all earnestness, and in your love to us, see that you also abound in this qrace. 8I speak not by way of commandment, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity also of

love. 9For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich. 101 give a judgment in this: for this is expedient for you, who were the first to start a year ago, not only to do, but

also to be willing. 11But now complete the doing also, that as there was the readiness to be willing, so there may be the completion also out of your ability. 12For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what you have, not according to what you don't have.

13For this is not that others may be eased and you distressed, 14but for equality. Your abundance at this present time supplies their lack, that their abundance also may become a supply for your lack; that there may be equality. 15As it is written, "He who

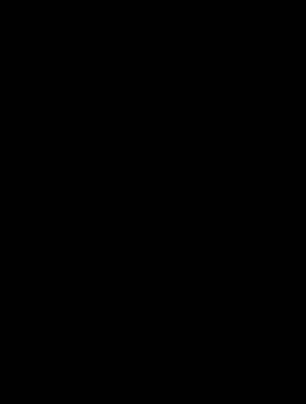
gathered much had nothing left over, and he who qathered little had no lack." 16But thanks be to God, who puts the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus. 17For he indeed accepted our exhortation, but being himself very earnest, he went out to you of his own accord. 18We have sent together with him the brother whose praise in the Good News is known through all the assemblies. 19Not only so, but who was also appointed by the assemblies to travel with us in this grace, which is served by us to the glory of the Lord

himself, and to show our readiness. 20We are avoiding this, that any man should blame us concerning this abundance which is administered by us. 21Having regard for honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. 22We have sent with them

our brother, whom we have many times proved earnest in many things, but now much more earnest, by reason of the great confidence which he has in you. 23As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for you. As for our brothers, they are the apostles of the assemblies, the glory of

Christ. 24Therefore show the proof of your love to them in front of the assemblies, and of our

boasting on your behalf.



2 Corinthians Chapter 9

Lnapter 3

It is indeed unnecessary for me to write to you

concerning the service to the saints,

2for I know your readiness, of which I boast on your behalf

to them of Macedonia, that Achaia has been prepared for a year past. Your zeal has stirred up very many of them. 3But I have sent the brothers that our boasting on your behalf may not be in vain in this respect, that, just as I said, you may be prepared, 4so that I won't by any

means, if there come with me any of Macedonia and find you unprepared, we (to say nothing of you) should be disappointed in this confident boasting. 51 thought it necessary therefore to entreat the brothers that they would go before to you, and arrange ahead of

time the generous gift that you promised before, that the same might be ready as a matter of generosity, and not of greediness. 6Remember this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. He who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7Let each man give according

as he has determined in his heart; not grudgingly, or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that you always having all sufficiency in everything, may abound to every good work. 9As it is written, "He has scattered abroad, he has

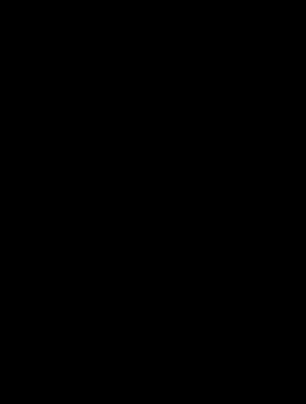
given to the poor. His righteousness remains forever." 10Now may he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of your righteousness; 11 you being enriched in everything to all liberality,

which works through us thanksqiving to God. 12For this service of giving that you perform not only makes up for lack among the saints, but abounds also through many givings of thanks to God; 13seeing that through the proof given by this service, they glorify God for the

obedience of your confession to the Good News of Christ, and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to 14while they themselves also, with supplication on your behalf, yearn for you by reason of the exceeding grace God in you.

15Now thanks be to God for

his unspeakable gift!



2 Corinthians Chapter 10

1Now I Paul, myself, entreat you by the humility and gentleness of Christ; I who in your presence am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you.

2Yes, I beg you that I may not, when present, show courage with the confidence with which I intend to be blod against some, who consider us to be walking according to the flesh. 3For though we walk in the flesh, we don't wage war according to the flesh;

4for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the throwing down of strongholds, 5throwing down imaginations and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ; 6and being in readiness to

avenge all disobedience, when your obedience will be made 7Do you look at things only as they appear in front of vour face? If anyone trusts in himself that he is Christ's, let him consider this again with himself, that, even as he is Christ's, so also we are Christ's.

8For though I should boast somewhat abundantly concerning our authority, (which the Lord gave for building you up, and not for casting you down) I will not be disappointed, 9that I may not seem as if I desire to terrify you by my letters.

10For, "His letters," they say, "are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech is despised." 11Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such are we also in deed when we are present. 12For we are not bold to number or compare ourselves

with some of those who commend themselves. But they themselves, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, are without understanding. 13But we will not boast beyond proper limits, but within the boundaries with

which God appointed to us, which reach even to you. 14For we don't stretch ourselves too much, as though we didn't reach to you. For we came even as far as to with the Good News of Christ, 15not boasting beyond proper limits in other men's labors,

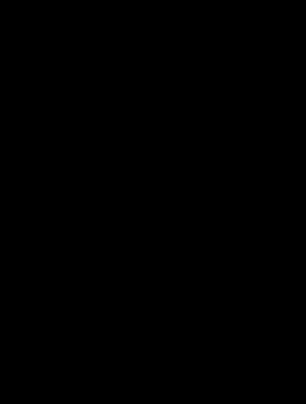
but having hope that as your faith grows, we will be abundantly enlarged by you in our sphere of influence, 16so as to preach the Good News even to the parts beyond you, not to boast in what someone else has already done. 17But "he who boasts, let

him boast in the Lord." 18For it isn't he who

commends himself who is

approved, but whom the Lord

commends.



2 Corinthians Chapter 11

II wish that you would bear with me in a little foolishness, but indeed you do bear with me.

2For I am jealous over you

with a godly jealousy. For I

married you to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Christ. 3But I am afraid that somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve in his craftiness, so your minds might be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4For if he who comes

preaches another Jesus, whom we did not preach, or if you receive a different spirit, which you did not receive, or a different "good news", which you did not accept, you put up with that well enough. 5For I reckon that I am not at all behind the very best apostles.

6But though I am unskilled in speech, yet I am not unskilled in knowledge. No, in every way we have been revealed to you in all things. 70r did I commit a sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached to you God's Good News

free of charge?

81 robbed other assemblies, taking wages from them that I might serve you. 9When I was present with you and was in need, I wasn't a burden on anyone, for the brothers, when they from Macedonia, supplied the measure of my need. In everything I kept myself

from being burdensome to and I will continue to do so. 10As the truth of Christ is in me, no one will stop me from this boasting in the regions of Achaia. 11Why? Because I don't love you? God knows. 12But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off

occasion from them that desire an occasion, that in which they boast, they may be found even as we. 13For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as Christ's apostles. 14And no wonder, for even Satan masquerades as an

angel of light. 15It is no great thing therefore if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness, whose end will according to their works. 16I say again, let no one think me foolish. But if so, yet receive me as foolish, that I also may boast a little.

17That which I speak, I don't speak according to the Lord, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of boasting. 18Seeing that many boast after the flesh, I will also boast. 19For you bear with the foolish qladly, being wise. 20For you bear with a man, if he brings you into bondage,

if he devours you, if he takes you captive, if he exalts himself, if he strikes you on the face. 211 speak by way of disparagement, as though we had been weak. Yet however any is bold (I speak in foolishness), I am bold also. 22Are they Hebrews? So am I Are they Israelites? So am I.

Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. 23Are they servants of Christ? (I speak as one beside himself) I am more so; in labors more abundantly, in prisons more abundantly in stripes above measure, in deaths often. 24Five times from the lews I

received forty stripes minus 25Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I suffered shipwreck. I have been a night and a day in the deep. 26I have been in travels often, perils of rivers, perils

of robbers, perils from my

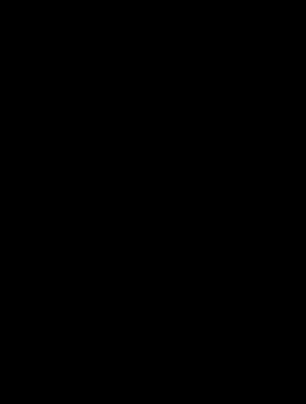
countrymen, perils from the Gentiles, perils in the city, perils in the wilderness, perils in the sea, perils among false brothers; 27in labor and travail, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, and in cold and nakedness. 28Besides those things that are outside, there is that

which presses on me daily, anxiety for all the assemblies. 29Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is caused to stumble, and I don't burn with indignation? 30If I must boast, I will boast of the things that concern my weakness. 31The God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, he who is

blessed forevermore, knows that I don't lie. 32In Damascus the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of the Damascenes desiring to arrest me. 33Through a window I was

let down in a basket by the

wall, and escaped his hands.



2 Corinthians Chapter 12

IIt is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. For I will come to visions and

revelations of the Lord. 21 know a man in Christ, fourteen years ago (whether

in the body, I don't know, or whether out of the body, I don't know; God knows), such a one caught up into the third heaven. 31 know such a man (whether in the body, or outside of the body, I don't know; God knows), 4how he was caught up into Paradise, and heard

unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. 50n behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in my weaknesses. 6For if I would desire to boast, I will not be foolish; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, so that no man

may think more of me than that which he sees in me, or hears from me. 7By reason of the exceeding greatness of the revelations, that I should not be exalted excessively, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, that I should not be exalted excessively.

8Concerning this thing, I begged the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Most gladly therefore I will rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest on

10Therefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in injuries, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then am I strong. 111 have become foolish in boasting. You compelled me, for I ought to have been commended by you, for in nothing was I inferior to the

very best apostles, though I am nothing. 12Truly the signs of an apostle were worked among you in all patience, in signs and wonders and mighty works. 13For what is there in which you were made inferior to the rest of the assemblies, unless it is that I myself was

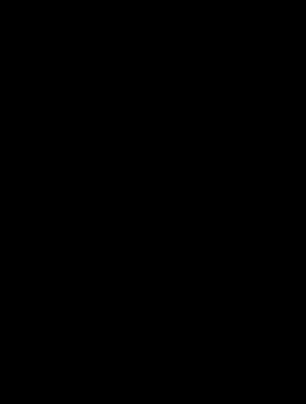
not a burden to you? Forgive me this wrong. 14Behold, this is the third time I am ready to come to you, and I will not be a burden to you; for I seek not VOUL possessions, but you. For the children ought not to save up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

15I will most qladly spend and be spent for your souls. If I love you more abundantly, am I loved the ess? 16But be it so, I did not myself burden you. But, being crafty, I caught you with deception. 17Did I take advantage of you by anyone of them whom

I have sent to you? 18I exhorted Titus, and I sent the brother with him. Did Titus take any advantage of you? Didn't we walk in the same spirit? Didn't we walk in the same steps? 19Again, do you think that we are excusing ourselves to you? In the sight of God we speak in Christ. But all

things, beloved, are for your edifying. 20For I am afraid that by any means, when I come, I might find you not the way I want to, and that I might be found by you as you don't desire; that by any means there would be strife, jealousy outbursts of anger, factions, slander, whisperings, proud

thoughts, riots; 21that again when I come my God would humble me before you, and I would mourn for many of those who have sinned before now, and not repented of the uncleanness and sexual immorality and lustfulness which they committed.



2 Corinthians Chapter 13

IThis is the third time I am coming to you. "At the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be

21 have said beforehand, and

established."

I do say beforehand, as when I was present the second time, so now, being absent, I write to those who have sinned before now, and to all the rest, that, if I come again, I will not spare; 3seeing that you seek a proof of Christ who speaks in me; who toward you is not weak, but is powerful in you.

4For he was crucified through weakness, yet he lives through the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we will live with him through the power of God toward you. 5Test your own selves, whether you are in the faith. Test your own selves. Or don't you know as to your own

selves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you are disqualified. 6But I hope that you will know that we aren't disqualified. 7Now I pray to God that you do no evil; not that we may appear approved, but that you may do that which is honorable, though we are as

reprobate. 8For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. 9For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. And this we also pray for, even your perfecting. 10For this cause I write these things while absent, that I may not deal sharply when

present, according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up, and not for tearing down. 11Finally, brothers, rejoice. Be perfected, be comforted, be of the same mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. 12Greet one another with a holy kiss.

13All the saints greet you. 14The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen. Galatians Chapter 1 1Paul, an apostle (not from men, neither through man, but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead), 2and all the brothers who are with me, to the assemblies of Galatia: 3Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, 4who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us out of this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father--

5to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. 6I marvel that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ to a different "good news"; 7and there isn't another "good news." Only there are some who trouble you, and want to pervert the Good News of Christ.

8But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you any "good news" other than that which we preached to you, let him be cursed. 9As we have said before, so I now say again: if any man preaches to you any "good news" other than that which you received, let him be

cursed. 10For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? For if I were still pleasing men, I wouldn't be a servant of Christ. 11But I make known to you, brothers, concerning the Good News which was preached by me, that it is not

according to man. 12Tor neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came to me through revelation of Jesus Christ. 13For you have heard of my way of living in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the assembly of God, and ravaged it.

14I advanced in the Jews' religion beyond many of my own age among my countrymen, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. 15But when it was the good pleasure of God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me

through his grace, 16to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I didn't immediately confer with flesh and .boold 17nor did I go up to erusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I

went away into Arabia. Then returned to Damascus. 18Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Peter, and stayed with him fifteen days. 19But of the other apostles I saw no one, except James, the Lord's brother. 20Now about the things

which I write to you, behold, before God, I'm not lying. 21Then I came to the regions of Syria and Cilicia. 22I was still unknown by face to the assemblies of Iudea which were in Christ, 23but they only heard: "He who once persecuted us now preaches the faith that he once tried to destroy."

24And they glorified God in Galatians Chapter 2 1Then after a period of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus also with me. 21 went up by revelation, and I laid before them the Good

News which I preach among

the Gentiles, but privately before those who were respected, for fear that I might be running, or had run, in vain. 3But not even Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. 4This was because of the false brothers secretly brought in, who stole in to

spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage; 5to whom we gave no place in the way of subjection, not for an hour, that the truth of the Good News might continue with you. 6But from those who were reputed to be important

(whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; doesn't show partiality to man)--they, I say, who were respected imparted nothing to 7but to the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the Good News for the uncircumcision. as Peter with the Good News for the circumcision 8(for he who appointed Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision appointed me also to the Gentiles); 9and when they perceived the grace that was given to me, James and Cephas and John, they who were reputed

to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcision. 10They only asked us to remember the poor--which very thing I was also zealous 11But when Peter came to

Antioch, I resisted him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12For before some people came from James, he ate with the Gentiles. But when they came, he drew back and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. 13And the rest of the Jews

joined him in his hypocrisy; so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy. 14But when I saw that they didn't walk uprightly according to the truth of the Good News, I said to Peter before them all, "If you, being a Jew, live as the Gentiles do, and

not as the Jews do, why do you compel the Gentiles to live as the Jews do? 15"We, being Jews by nature, and not Gentile sinners, 16 yet knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by

faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law, because no flesh will be justified by the works of the law. 17But if, while we sought to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found sinners, is Christ a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18For if I build up again

those things which I destroyed, I prove myself a law-breaker. 19For I, through the law, died to the law, that I might live to God. 201 have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me. That life which I now live in the flesh, I live by

faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me. 211 don't make void the grace of God. For if righteousness is through the law, then Christ died for nothing!" Galatians Chapter 3 1Foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you not to obey

the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly set forth among you as crucified? 21 just want to learn this from you. Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by hearing of faith? 3Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now completed in the flesh?

4Did you suffer so many things in vain, if it is indeed in vain? 5He therefore who supplies the Spirit to you, and works miracles among you, does he do it by the works of the law, or by hearing of faith? 6Even as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to

him for righteousness."

7Know therefore that those who are of faith, the same are children of Abraham. 8The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the Good News beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you all the nations will be blessed." 9So then, those who are of faith are blessed with the

faithful Abraham. 10For as many as are of the works of the law are under a curse. For it is written, "Cursed is everyone who doesn't continue in all things that are written in the book of the law, to do them." 11Now that no man is justified by the law before God is evident, for, "The

righteous will live by faith." 12The law is not of faith, but "The man who does them will live by them." 13Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us. For it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a 14that the blessing of

Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Christ Jesus; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. 15Brothers, speaking of human terms, though it is only a man's covenant, yet when it has been confirmed, makes it void, or adds to it.

16Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He doesn't say, "To seeds," as of many, but as of one, "To your seed," which is Christ. 17Now I say this. A covenant confirmed beforehand by God in Christ, the law, which came four hundred thirty years after, does not annul, so as to make the promise of no effect. 18For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no more of promise; but God has granted it to Abraham by promise. 19What then is the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the seed should come to whom the promise

has been made. It was ordained through angels by the hand of a mediator. 20Now a mediator is not between one, but God is one. 211s the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could make alive, most certainly righteousness would have

been of the law. 22But the Scriptures imprisoned all things under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be qiven to those who believe. 23But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, confined for the faith which should afterwards

be revealed. 24So that the law has become our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. 26For you are all children of God, through faith in Christ esus.

27For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed and

heirs according to promise.

Galatians Chapter 4 1But I say that so long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a bondservant, though he is lord of all; 2but is under quardians and stewards until the day

stewards until the day appointed by the father. 3So we also, when we were children, were held in

bondage under the elemental

principles of the world. 4But when the fullness of the time came, God sent out his Son, born to a woman, born under the law, 5that he might redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of children. 6And because you are children, God sent out the

Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, "Abba, Father!" 7So you are no longer a bondservant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. 8However at that time, not knowing God, you were in bondage to those who by nature are not qods. 9But now that you have

come to know God, or rather to be known by God, why do you turn back again to the weak and miserable elemental principles, to which you desire to be in bondage all over again? 10You observe days, months, seasons, and years. 111 am afraid for you, that I might have wasted my labor

for you. 12I beg you, brothers, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong, 13but you know that because of weakness of the flesh I preached the Good News to you the first time. 14That which was a temptation to you in my

flesh, you didn't despise nor reject; but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. 15What was the blessing you enjoyed? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me. 16So then, have I become your enemy by telling you

the truth? 17They zealously seek you in no good way. No, they desire to alienate you, that you may seek them. 18But it is always good to be zealous in a qood cause, and not only when I am present with you. 19My little children, of whom I am again in travail until

Christ is formed in you--20but I could wish to be present with you now, and to change my tone, for I am perplexed about you. 21Tell me, you that desire to be under the law, don't you listen to the law? 22For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the handmaid, and one by

the free woman. 23However, the son by the handmaid was born according to the flesh, but the son by the free woman was born through promise. 24These things contain an allegory, for these are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children to bondage, which is Hagar.

25For this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and answers to the Jerusalem that exists now, for she is in bondage with her children. 26But the Jerusalem that is above is free, which is the mother of us all. 27For it is written, "Rejoice, you barren who don't bear. Break forth and shout, you

that don't travail. For more are the children of the desolate than of her who has a husband." 28Now we, brothers, as Isaac was, are children of promise. 29But as then, he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now.

30However what does the Scripture say? "Throw out the handmaid and her son, for the son of the handmaid will not inherit with the son of the free woman." 31So then, brothers, we are not children of a handmaid, but of the free woman. Galatians Chapter 5 1Stand firm therefore in the

liberty by which Christ has made us free, and don't be entangled again with a yoke bondage. 2Behold, I, Paul, tell you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will profit you nothing. 3Yes, I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is a

debtor to do the whole law. 4You are alienated from Christ, you who desire to be justified by the law. You have fallen away from grace. 5For we, through the Spirit, by faith wait for the hope of righteousness. 6For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision amounts to anything, nor uncircumcision,

but faith working through .9V0[7You were running well! Who interfered with you that you should not obey the truth? 8This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9A little yeast grows through the whole lump. 10I have confidence toward you in the Lord that you will

think no other way. But he who troubles you will bear his judgment, whoever he is. 11But I, brothers, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been removed. 12I wish that those who disturb you would cut themselves off.

13For you, brothers, were called for freedom. Only don't use your freedom for gain to the flesh, but through love be servants to one another. 14For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15But if you bite and devour one another, be careful that

you don't consume one another. 16But I say walk by the Spirit, and you won't fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, that you may not do the things that you desire.

18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the 19Now the works of the flesh are obvious, which are: adultery, sexual immorality. uncleanness, lustfulness, 20idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousies, outbursts of anger, rivalries, divisions,

heresies,

21 envyings, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these; of which I forewarn you, even as I also forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of _hoÐ 22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, qoodness, faith,

23gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts. 25If we live by the Spirit, let's also walk by the Spirit. 26Let's not become conceited, provoking one another, and envying one another.

Galatians Chapter 6 1Brothers, even if a man is caught in some fault, you who are spiritual must restore such a one in a spirit gentleness; looking to yourself so that you also aren't tempted.

2Bear one another's burdens,

and so fulfill the law of

Christ. 3For if a man thinks himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4But let each man test his own work, and then he will take pride in himself and not in his neighbor. 5For each man will bear his own burden.

6But let him who is taught

in the word share all qood things with him who teaches. 7Don't be deceived. God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption. But he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

9Let us not be weary in doing good, for we will reap in due season, if we don't qive up. 10So then, as we have opportunity, let's do what is good toward all men, and especially toward those who the household of the faith. 11See with what large letters

I write to you with my own hand. 12As many as desire to look good in the flesh, they compel you to be circumcised; only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13For even they who receive circumcision don't keep the law themselves, but they

desire to have you circumcised, that they may boast in your flesh. 14But far be it from me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15For in Christ Jesus neither is circumcision anything, nor

uncircumcision, but a new creation. 16As many as walk by this rule, peace and mercy be on them, and on God's Israel. 17From now on, let no one cause me any trouble, for I bear the marks of the Lord Jesus branded on my body. 18The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit,

brothers. Amen. Ephesians Chapter 1 1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, to the saints who are at Ephesus, and the faithful in Christ Jesus:

26 race to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord

esus Christ.

3Blessed be the God and

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ; 4even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and without blemish before him in love; Shaving predestined us for

adoption as children through Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his desire, 6to the praise of the glory of his grace, by which he freely bestowed favor on us in the Beloved, 7in whom we have our redemption through his blood,

the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8which he made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in him 10to an administration of the fullness of the times, to sum up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth, in 11in whom also we were assigned an inheritance, having been foreordained according to the purpose of him who

works all things after the counsel of his will; 12to the end that we should be to the praise of his glory, we who had before hoped in Christ: 13in whom you also, having heard the word of the truth, the Good News of your salvation--in whom, having

believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14who is a pledge of our inheritance, to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of his glory. 15For this cause I also, having heard of the faith in the Lord lesus which is among you, and the love which you

have toward all the saints, 16don't cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers, 17that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him; 18having the eyes of your

hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of his calling, and what are riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19and what is the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to that working of the strength of his might 20which he worked in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and made him to sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all rule, and authority, and power, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to

come. 22He put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things for the assembly, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Ephesians Chapter 2 1You were made alive when you were dead in

transgressions and sins, 2in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the the spirit who now works in the children of disobedience; 3among whom we also all once lived in the lust of our flesh, doing the desires of the

flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. 4But God, being rich in mercy for his great love with which he loved us, 5even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been

6and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, Ithat in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ esus; 8for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that

not of yourselves; it is the qift of God, 9not of works, that no one would boast. 10For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before that we would walk in them. 11Therefore remember that

once you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "uncircumcision" by that which is called "circumcision," (in the flesh, made by hands); 12that you were at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from

the covenants of the promise. having no hope and without God in the world. 13But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off are made near in the blood of Christ. 14For he is our peace, who made both one, and broke down the middle wall of partition,

15having abolished in the flesh the hostility, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man of the two, making peace; 16and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, having killed the hostility thereby.

17He came and preached peace to you who were far off and to those who were near. 18For through him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father 19So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and of the

household of God, 20being built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone; 21in whom the whole building, fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord: 22in whom you also are built

together for a habitation of God in the Spirit. Ephesians Chapter 3 1For this cause I, Paul, am the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles, 2if it is so that you have heard of the administration of that grace of God which was given me toward you;

3how that by revelation the

mystery was made known to me, as I wrote before in few words, 4by which, when you read, you can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ; Swhich in other generations was not made known to the children of men, as it has now been revealed to his

holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit: 6that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of his promise in Christ Jesus through the Good News, 7of which I was made a servant, according to the gift of that grace of God which

was given me according to the working of his power. 8To me, the very least of all saints, was this grace given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9and to make all men see what is the administration of the mystery which for ages

has been hidden in God, who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10to the intent that now through the assembly the manifold wisdom of God might be made known to the principalities and the powers in the heavenly places, llaccording to the eternal purpose which he purposed

in Christ Jesus our Lord; 12in whom we have boldness and access in confidence through our faith in him. 13Therefore I ask that you may not lose heart at my troubles for you, which are your qlory. 14For this cause, I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that you may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man; 17that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to

the end that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18may be strengthened to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19and to know Christ's love which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21to him be the glory in the assembly and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians Chapter 4 11 therefore, the prisoner in

the Lord, beg you to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called, 2with all lowliness and humility, with patience, bearing with one another in love; 3being eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4There is one body, and one

Spirit, even as you also were called in one hope of your calling; Sone Lord, one faith, one baptism. bone God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all. 7But to each one of us was the grace given according to the measure of the qift of

Christ. 8Therefore he says, "When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, and gave qifts to men." 9Now this, "He ascended," what is it but that he also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10He who descended is the one who also ascended far

above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. 11He gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, shepherds and teachers; 12for the perfecting of the saints, to the work of serving, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13until we all attain to the

unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a full grown man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14that we may no longer be children, tossed back and forth and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by trickery of men, in craftiness,

after the wiles of error; 15but speaking truth in love, we may grow up in all things into him, who is the head, Christ; 16from whom all the body, being fitted and knit together through that which every joint supplies, according to working in measure of each

individual part, makes the body increase to the building up of itself in love. 17This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, 18being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their hearts; 19who having become callous gave themselves up to lust, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20But you did not learn Christ that way; 21if indeed you heard him, and were taught in him, even

as truth is in Jesus: 22that you put away, as concerning your former way of life, the old man, that grows corrupt after the lusts deceit; 23and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24and put on the new man, who in the likeness of God

has been created in righteousness and holiness of truth. 25Therefore, putting away falsehood, speak truth each one with his neighbor. For we are members of one another. 26"Be angry, and don't sin." Don't let the sun go down on your wrath,

27 neither give place to the devil. 28Let him who stole steal no more; but rather let him labor working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have something to give to him who has need. 29Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for

building up as the need may be, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30Don't grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, outcry, and slander, be put away from you, with all

malice. 32And be kind to one another tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God also in Christ forgave you. Ephesians Chapter 5 1Be therefore imitators of God, as beloved children. 2Walk in love, even as Christ also loved you, and gave

himself up for us, an offering

and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling fragrance. 3But sexual immorality, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be mentioned among you, as becomes saints; 4nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not appropriate; but rather qiving of thanks.

5Know this for sure, that no sexually immoral person, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and God. 6Let no one deceive you with empty words. For because of these things, the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience.

Therefore don't be partakers with them. 8For you were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, 9for the fruit of the Spirit is in all qoodness and righteousness and truth, 10proving what is well pleasing to the Lord.

11Have no fellowship with

the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them. 12For the things which are done by them in secret, it is a shame even to speak of. 13But all things, when they are reproved, are revealed by the light, for everything that reveals is light. 14Therefore he says, "Awake,

you who sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." 15Therefore watch carefully how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise; 16redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17Therefore don't be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

18Don't be drunken with wine, in which is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, 19speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; singing, and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 giving thanks always concerning all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

to God, even the Father; 21 subjecting yourselves one to another in the fear of Christ. 22Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23For the husband is the head of the wife, and Christ also is the head of the assembly, being himself the savior of the body.

24But as the assembly is subject to Christ, so let the wives also be to their own husbands in everything. 25Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the assembly, and gave himself up for it; 26that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the

word, 27that he might present the assembly to himself gloriously, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28Even so husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves

himself. 29For no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord also does the assembly; 30because we are members of his body, of his flesh and bones. 31"For this cause a man will leave his father and mother,

and will be joined to his

wife. The two will become one flesh." 32This mystery is great, but I speak concerning Christ and of the assembly. 33Nevertheless each of you must also love his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Ephesians Chapter 6 1Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2"Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with a promise:

3"that it may be well with

you, and you may live long

4You fathers, don't provoke

on the earth."

your children to wrath, but nurture them in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. 5Servants, be obedient to those who according to the flesh are your masters, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as to Christ:

6not in the way of service only when eyes are on you, as men pleasers; but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; 7with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: 8knowing that whatever good thing each one does, he will receive the same again from

the Lord, whether he is bound or free. 9You masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with him. 10Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might.

11Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world's rulers of the darkness of this age, and against the spiritual forces of

wickedness in the heavenly places. 13Therefore, put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. 14Stand therefore, having the utility belt of truth buckled around your waist, and having put on the breastplate

of righteousness, 15and having fitted your feet with the preparation of the Good News of peace; 16above all, taking up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. 17And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of

the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18with all prayer and requests, praying at all times in the Spirit, and being watchful to this end in all perseverance and requests for all the saints: 19on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in opening my mouth, to

make known with boldness the mystery of the Good News, 20for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. 21But that you also may know my affairs, how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful servant

the Lord, will make known to you all things; 22whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our state, and that he may comfort your hearts. 23Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus

Christ. 24Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible love. Amen. Philippians Chapter 1 1Paul and Timothy, servants

of Jesus Christ; To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the

overseers and servants:

2Grace to you, and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3I thank my God whenever I remember you, 4always in every request of mine on behalf of you all making my requests with joy, 5for your partnership in furtherance of the Good News

from the first day until now;

6being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of esus Christ. 7It is even right for me to think this way on behalf of all of you, because I have you in my heart, because, both in my bonds and in the

defense and confirmation of the Good News, you all are partakers with me of grace. 8For God is my witness, how I long after all of you in the tender mercies of Christ Jesus 9This I pray that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment; 10so that you may approve

the things that are excellent; that you may be sincere and without offense to the day of Christ: 11being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. 12Now I desire to have you know, brothers, that the things which happened to me have

turned out rather to the progress of the Good News; 13so that it became evident to the whole palace quard, and to all the rest, that my bonds are in Christ: 14and that most of the brothers in the Lord, being confident through my bonds, are more abundantly bold to speak the word of God

without fear. 15Some indeed preach Christ even out of envy and strife, and some also out of good 16The former insincerely preach Christ from selfish ambition, thinking that they add affliction to my chains; 17but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed

for the defense of the Good News. 18What does it matter? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed. I rejoice in this, yes, and will rejoice. 19For I know that this will turn out to my salvation, through your supplication and the supply of the Spirit of

Jesus Christ, 20according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will in no way be disappointed, but with all boldness, as always, now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life, or by death. 21For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

22But if I live on in the flesh, this will bring fruit from my work; yet I don't know what I will choose. 23But I am in a dilemma between the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. 24Yet, to remain in the flesh is more needful for your sake.

25Having this confidence, I

know that I will remain, yes, and remain with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, 26that your rejoicing may abound in Christ Jesus in me through my presence with you again. 270nly let your way of life be worthy of the Good News of Christ, that, whether I

come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your state, that you stand firm in one spirit, with one soul striving for the faith of the Good News; 28and in nothing frightened by the adversaries, which is for them a proof of destruction, but to you of salvation,

and that from God. 29Because it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in him, but also to suffer on his behalf, 30 having the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear is in me. Philippians Chapter 2

11f there is therefore any

exhortation in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any tender mercies and compassion, 2make my joy full, by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind; 3doing nothing through rivalry or through conceit,

but in humility, each counting others better than himself; 4each of you not just looking to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others. 5Have this in your mind, which was also in Christ esus, 6who, existing in the form of

God, didn't consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men. 8And being found in human form, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, yes, the death of the cross. 9Therefore God also highly

exalted him, and gave to him the name which is above every name; 10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, those on earth, and those under the earth, lland that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of

God the Father. 12So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13For it is God who works in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure.

14Do all things without murmurings and disputes, 15that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you are seen as lights in the world, 16holding up the word of life;

that I may have something to boast in the day of Christ, that I didn't run in vain nor labor in vain. 17Yes, and if I am poured out on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice, and rejoice with you all. 18In the same way, you also rejoice, and rejoice with me. 19But I hope in the Lord

Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered up when I know how VOU are doing. 20For I have no one else likeminded, who will truly care about you. 21For they all seek their own, not the things of Jesus Christ. 22But you know the proof of

him, that, as a child serves a father, so he served with me in furtherance of the Good News. 23Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it will go with me. 24But I trust in the Lord that I myself also will come shortly.

25But I counted it necessary

to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, fellow soldier, and your apostle and servant of my need; 26since he longed for you all, and was very troubled, because you had heard that he was sick. 27For indeed he was sick, nearly to death, but God had

mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, that might not have sorrow on SOLLOM 28I have sent him therefore the more diligently, that, when you see him again, you may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.

29Receive him therefore in

the Lord with all joy, and hold such in honor, 30because for the work of Christ he came near to death, risking his life to supply that which was lacking in your service toward me. Philippians Chapter 3 1Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me

indeed is not tiresome, but for you it is safe. 2Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision. 3For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh;

4though I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If any other man thinks that he has confidence in the flesh, I yet more: Scircumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; Sconcerning zeal, persecuting

the assembly; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, found blameless. 7However, what things were qain to me, these have I counted loss for Christ. 8Yes most certainly and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord, for whom I suffered the

loss of all things, and count them nothing but refuse, that I may gain Christ 9and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10that I may know him, and

the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed to his death; llif by any means I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect; but I press on, if it is so that I may take hold of

that for which also I was taken hold of by Christ Jesus. 13Brothers, I don't regard myself as yet having taken hold, but one thing I do. Forgetting the things which behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, 141 press on toward the goal

for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. 15Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, think this way. If in anything you think otherwise, God will also reveal that to you. 16Nevertheless, to the extent that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule. Let us be of the

same mind. 17Brothers, be imitators together of me, and note those who walk this way, even as you have us for an example. 18For many walk, of whom I told you often, and now tell you even weeping, as the enemies of the cross of

Christ, 19whose end is destruction, whose god is the belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who think about earthly things. 20For our citizenship is in heaven, from where we also wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

21 who will change the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working by which he is able even to subject all things to himself. Philippians Chapter 4 1Therefore, my brothers, beloved and longed for, my

joy and crown, so stand firm

in the Lord, my beloved. 21 exhort Euodia, and I exhort Syntyche, to think the same way in the Lord. 3Yes, I beg you also, true yokefellow, help these women, for they labored with me in the Good News, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I will say, Rejoice! 5Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. 6In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which

surpasses all understanding, will quard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ esus. 8Finally, brothers, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever

things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think about these things. 9The things which you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: do these things, and the God of peace will be with YOU. 10But I rejoice in the Lord

greatly, that now at length you have revived your thought for me; in which you indeed take thought, but you lacked opportunity. 11Not that I speak in respect to lack, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content in it. 12I know how to be humbled,

and I know also how to abound. In everything and in all things I have learned the secret both to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in need. 131 can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. 14However you did well that you shared in my affliction. 15You yourselves also know,

you Philippians, that in the beginning of the Good News, when I departed from Macedonia, no assembly shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you only. 16For even in Thessalonica you sent once and again to my need. 17Not that I seek for the gift,

but I seek for the fruit that increases to your account. 18But I have all things, and abound. I am filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things that came from a sweet-smelling fragrance, an acceptable and wellpleasing sacrifice to God. 19My God will supply every

need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ esus. 20Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever! Amen. 21Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. 22All the saints greet you,

especially those who are of

Caesar's household. 23The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Colossians Chapter 1 1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the

Lord Jesus Christ. 3We give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you 4having heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which you have toward all the saints, Sbecause of the hope which is laid up for you in the heavens, of which you heard

before in the word of the truth of the Good News, 6which has come to you; even as it is in all the world and is bearing fruit and growing, as it does in you also, since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; Teven as you learned of Epaphras our beloved fellow

servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, 8who also declared to us your love in the Spirit. 9For this cause, we also, since the day we heard this, don't cease praying and making requests for you, that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all

spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10that you may walk worthily of the Lord, to please him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11strengthened with all power, according to the might of his glory, for all endurance

and perseverance with joy; 12qiving thanks to the Father, who made us fit to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; 13who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the Kingdom of the Son of his 14in whom we have our

redemption, the forgiveness of our sins; 15who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16For by him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all

things have been created through him, and for him. 17He is before all things, and in him all things are held together. 18He is the head of the body, the assembly, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

19For all the fullness was pleased to dwell in him; 20and through him to reconcile all things to himself by him, whether things on the earth, or things in the heavens, having made peace through the blood of his cross. 21 You, being in past times alienated and enemies in your mind in your evil works,

22 yet now he has reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and blameless before him, 23if it is so that you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the Good News which you heard, which

is being proclaimed in all creation under heaven; of which I, Paul, was made a servant. 24Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the

assembly; 25of which I was made a servant, according to the stewardship of God which was given me toward you, to fulfill the word of God, 26the mystery which has been hidden for ages and generations. But now it has been revealed to his saints,

27to whom God was pleased to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of qlory; 28whom we proclaim, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present

man perfect in Christ Jesus; 29for which I also labor, striving according to his working, which works in me mightily. Colossians Chapter 2 1For I desire to have you know how greatly I struggle for you, and for those at

Laodicea, and for as many as

not seen my face in the flesh: 2that their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love, and gaining all riches of the full assurance of understanding, that they may know the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, 3in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and

knowledge hidden. 4Now this I say that no one may delude you with persuasiveness of speech. 5For though I am absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, rejoicing and seeing your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

6As therefore you received

Christ Jesus, the Lord, walk in him, Irooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, even as you were taught, abounding in it in thanksqiving. 8Be careful that you don't let anyone rob you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men,

after the elements of the world, and not after Christ. 9For in him all the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily, 10and in him you are made full, who is the head of all principality and power; 11in whom you were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of

the body of the sins of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ; 12having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working God, who raised him from the dead. 13You were dead through

your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh. He made you alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14wiping out the handwriting in ordinances which was against us; and he has taken it out of the way nailing it

the cross; 15having stripped the principalities and the powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it. 16Let no one therefore judge you in eating, or in drinking, or with respect to a feast day or a new moon or a Sabbath day,

17which are a shadow of the things to come; but the body is Christ's. 18Let no one rob you of your prize by a voluntary humility and worshipping of the angels, dwelling in the things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind 19and not holding firmly to

the Head, from whom all the body, being supplied and knit together through the joints and ligaments, grows with God's growth. 201f you died with Christ from the elements of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to ordinances, 21"Don't handle, nor taste, nor

touch" 22(all of which perish with use), according to the precepts and doctrines of men? 23Which things indeed appear like wisdom in self-imposed worship, and humility, and severity to the body; but aren't of any value against the indulgence of the flesh.

Colossians Chapter 3 IIf then you were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God. 2Set your mind on the things

that are above, not on the things that are on the earth.

3For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4When Christ, our life, is revealed, then you will also be revealed with him in qlory. 5Put to death therefore your members which are on the earth: sexual immorality, uncleanness, depraved passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

6for which things' sake the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience. 7You also once walked in those, when you lived in them; 8but now you also put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and shameful speaking out of your mouth. 9Don't lie to one another,

seeing that you have put off the old man with his doings, 10and have put on the new man, who is being renewed in knowledge after the image of his Creator, 11where there can't be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bondservant, freeman; but Christ is all, and

in all. 12Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, humility, and perseverance; 13bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, if any man has a complaint against any; even as Christ forgave you, so you also do.

14Above all these things, walk in love, which is the bond of perfection. 15And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another

with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your heart to the Lord. 17Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father, through him. 18Wives, be in subjection to your husbands, as is fitting

in the Lord. 19Husbands, love your wives, and don't be bitter against them. 20Children, obey your parents in all things, for this pleases the Lord. 21Fathers, don't provoke your children, so that they won't be discouraged. 22S ervants, obey in all things

those who are your masters according to the flesh, not just when they are looking, as men pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God. 23And whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord, and not for men, 24knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward

of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. 25But he who does wrong will receive again for the wrong that he has done, and there is no partiality. Colossians Chapter 4 1Masters, give to your servants that which is just and equal, knowing that you

also have a Master in heaven.

2Continue steadfastly in prayer, watching therein with thanksqiving; 3praying together for us also, that God may open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds; 4that I may reveal it as I ought to speak. 5Walk in wisdom toward

those who are outside, redeeming the time. 6Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. 7All my affairs will be made known to you by Tychicus. the beloved brother, faithful servant, and fellow

bondservant in the Lord. 81 am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts, 9together with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you everything that is going on

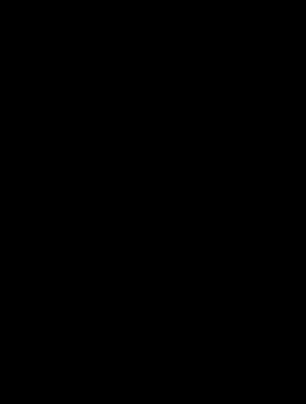
10Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, greets you, and Mark, the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you received commandments, "if he comes to you, receive him"), 11and [esus who is called Justus. These are my only fellow workers for the Kingdom of God who are of

the circumcision, men who have been a comfort to me. 12Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, salutes you, always striving for you in his prayers, that may stand perfect and complete in all the will of

13For I testify about him, that he has great zeal for you, and for those in Laodicea, and for those in Hierapolis. 14Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you. 15Greet the brothers who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the assembly that is in his house.

16When this letter has been read among you, cause it to be read also in the assembly of the Laodiceans; and that you also read the letter from Laodicea. 17Tell Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you fulfill it." 18The salutation of me, Paul,

with my own hand: remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.



-Thessalonians Chapter 1

1Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the assembly of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus

Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2We always give thanks to God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers, 3remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord

Jesus Christ, before our God and Father. 4We know, brothers loved by God, that you are chosen, Sand that our Good News came to you not in word only but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and with much assurance. You know what kind of men we showed ourselves to be among you

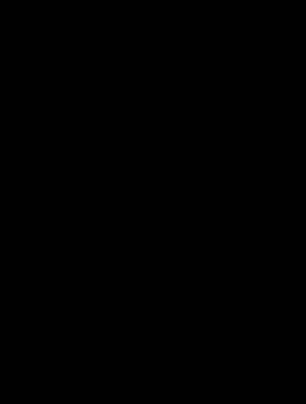
for your sake. 6You became imitators of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the VloH Spirit, 7so that you became an example to all who believe in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8For from you the word of

the Lord has been declared, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has qone out; so that we need not to say anything. 9For they themselves report concerning us what kind of a reception we had from you; and how you turned to

God from idols, to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead--Jesus, who

delivers us from the wrath to

come.



-Thessalonians Chapter 2

1For you yourselves know, brothers, our visit to you wasn't in vain, 2but having suffered before

and been shamefully treated, as you know, at Philippi, we grew bold in our God to tell you the Good News of God in much conflict. 3For our exhortation is not of error, nor of uncleanness, nor in deception. 4But even as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the Good

News, so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, who tests our hearts. 5For neither were we at any time found using words of flattery, as you know, nor a cloak of covetousness (God is witness), 6nor seeking glory from men (neither from you nor from

others), when we might have claimed authority as apostles of Christ. 7But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother cherishes her own children. 8Even so, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you, not the Good News of God only, but also our own souls,

because you had become very dear to us. 9For you remember, brothers, our labor and travail; for working night and day, that we might not burden any of you, we preached to you the Good News of God. 10You are witnesses with God how holy, righteously, and blamelessly we behaved

ourselves toward you who believe. 11As you know, we exhorted, comforted, and implored every one of you, as a father does his own children, 12to the end that you should walk worthily of God, who calls you into his own Kingdom and glory. 13For this cause we also

thank God without ceasing, that, when you received from us the word of the message God, you accepted it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also works in you who believe. 14For you, brothers, became imitators of the assemblies of

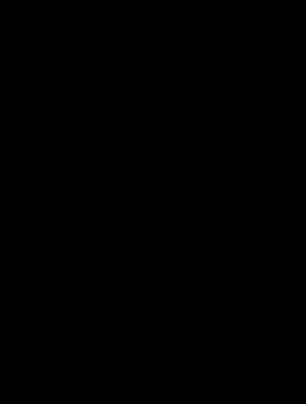
God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus; for you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, even as they did from the lews: 15who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and drove us out, and didn't please God, and are contrary to all men;

16forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved; to fill up their sins always. But wrath has come on them to the uttermost. 17But we, brothers, being bereaved of you for a short season, in presence, not in heart, tried even harder to your face with great desire,

18because we wanted to come to you--indeed, I, Paul, once and again--but Satan hindered us. 19For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Isn't it even you, before our Lord Tesus at his coming?

20For you are our glory and

our joy.



Thessalonians Chapter 3

1Therefore, when we couldn't stand it any longer, we thought it good to be left behind at Athens alone,

2and sent Timothy, our brother and God's servant in the Good News of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith; 3that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you know that we are appointed to this task. 4For most certainly, when we were with you, we told you

beforehand that we are to suffer affliction, even as it happened, and you know. 5For this cause I also, when I couldn't stand it any longer, sent that I might know your faith, for fear that by any means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor would have been in vain. 6But when Timothy came

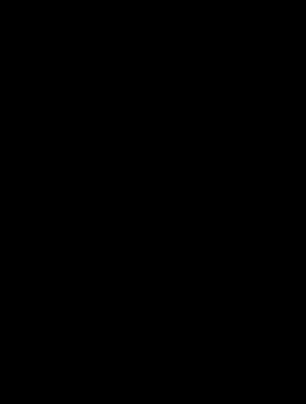
just now to us from you, and brought us glad news of your faith and love, and that you have good memories of us always, longing to see us, even as we also long to see 7for this cause, brothers, we were comforted over you in all our distress and affliction through your faith.

8For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord. 9For what thanksgiving can we render again to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sakes before our God; 10 night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face, and may perfect that which is lacking in your faith? 11Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you; 12and the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we

13to the end he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our

Lord Jesus with all his saints.

do toward you,



Thessalonians Chapter 4

1Finally then, brothers, we beg and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you

ought to walk and to please God, that you abound more and more. 2For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. 3For this is the will of God: your sanctification, that you abstain from sexual immorality, 4that each one of you know

how to possess himself of his own vessel in sanctification and honor, Snot in the passion of lust, even as the Gentiles who don't know God; 6that no one should take advantage of and wrong a brother or sister in this matter; because the Lord is

avenger in all these things, as also we forewarned you and testified. 7For God called us not for uncleanness, but in sanctification. 8Therefore he who rejects this doesn't reject man, but God, who has also given his Holy Spirit to you. 9But concerning brotherly

love, you have no need that one write to you. For you yourselves are taught by God love one another, 10for indeed you do it toward all the brothers who are in all Macedonia. But we exhort you, brothers, that you abound more and more; lland that you make it your

ambition to lead a quiet life, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, even as we instructed you; 12that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and may have need of nothing. 13But we don't want you to be ignorant, brothers,

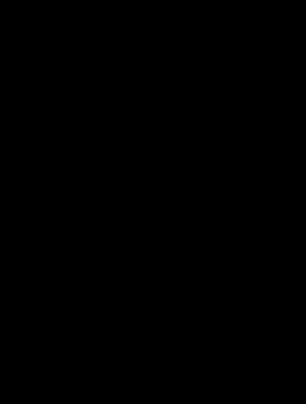
concerning those who have fallen asleep, so that you don't <u>grieve like the rest, who have</u> no hope. 14For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. 15For this we tell you by the

word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left to the coming of the Lord, will in no way precede those who have fallen asleep. 16For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with God's trumpet. The dead in Christ will rise first,

are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. So we will be with the Lord forever. 18Therefore comfort one

another with these words.

17then we who are alive, who



-Thessalonians Chapter 5

IBut concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need that anything be written to you.

2For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night. 3For when they are saying, "Peace and safety," then sudden destruction will come on them, like birth pains on a pregnant woman; and they will in no way escape. 4But you, brothers, aren't in

darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief. 5You are all children of light, and children of the day. We don't belong to the night, nor to darkness, 6so then let's not sleep, as the rest do, but let's watch and be sober. 7For those who sleep, sleep in the night, and those who are drunk are drunk in the night. 8But let us, since we belong to the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and, for a helmet, the hope of salvation. 9For God didn't appoint us to wrath, but to the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us, that,

whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 11Therefore exhort one another, and build each other up, even as you also do. 12But we beg you, brothers, to know those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish 13and to respect and honor

them in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. 14We exhort you, brothers, admonish the disorderly, encourage the fainthearted, support the weak, be patient toward all. 15See that no one returns evil for evil to anyone, but always follow after that

which is good, for one another and for all. 16Rejoice always. 17Pray without ceasing. 18In everything give thanks. for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you. 19Don't quench the Spirit. 20Don't despise prophesies. 21Test all things, and hold firmly that which is good.

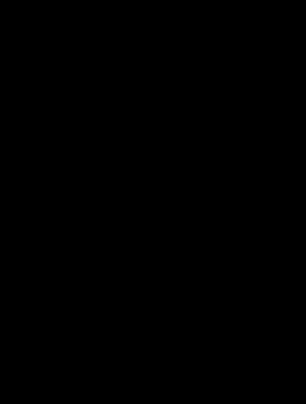
22Abstain from every form of evil. 23May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24He who calls you is faithful, who will also do it.

25Brothers, pray for us. 26Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. 271 solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the holy

28The grace of our Lord Jesus

Christ be with you. Amen.

brothers.



Thessalonians Chapter 1

1Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the assembly of the Thessalonians in God our Father, and the Lord Jesus

Christ: 2Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3We are bound to always give thanks to God for you, brothers, even as it is appropriate, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of each and every one of you

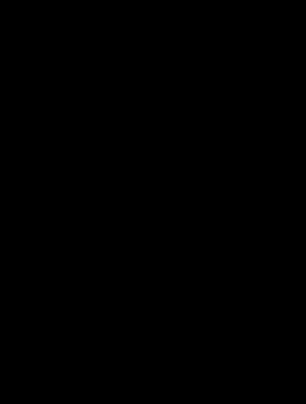
towards one another abounds; 4so that we ourselves boast about you in the assemblies of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which you endure. 5This is an obvious sign of the righteous judgment of God, to the end that you may be counted worthy of the

Kingdom of God, for which you also suffer. 6Since it is a righteous thing with God to repay affliction to those who afflict you, 7and to give relief to you who are afflicted with us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire,

8qiving vengeance to those who don't know God, and to those who don't obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus, 9who will pay the penalty: eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 10when he comes to be qlorified in his saints, and to be admired among all those

who have believed (because testimony to you was believed) in that day. 11To this end we also pray always for you, that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire of goodness and work of faith, with power; 12that the name of our Lord

Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.



Thessalonians Chapter 2

1Now, brothers, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together to him, we ask you

2not to be quickly shaken in your mind, nor yet be troubled, either by spirit, or by word, or by letter as from us, saying that the day of Christ had come. 3Let no one deceive you in any way. For it will not be, unless the departure comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of

destruction, 4he who opposes and exalts himself against all that is called God or that is worshiped; so that he sits as God in the temple of God, setting himself up as God. 5Don't you remember that, when I was still with you, I told you these things? 6Now you know what is

restraining him, to the end that he may be revealed in his own season. 7For the mystery of lawlessness already works. Only there is one who restrains now, until he is taken out of the Way. 8Then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord

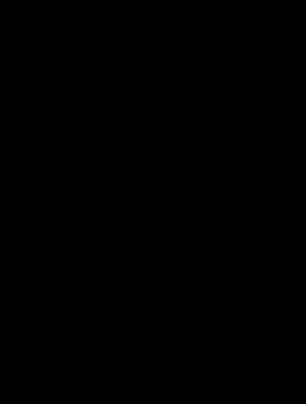
will kill with the breath of his mouth, and destroy by the manifestation of his coming; 9even he whose coming is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10and with all deception of wickedness for those who are being lost, because they didn't receive the love of the

truth, that they might be saved. 11Because of this, God sends them a working of error, that they should believe a lie; 12that they all might be judged who didn't believe the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 13But we are bound to always give thanks to God

for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief in the truth; 14to which he called you through our Good News, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15So then, brothers, stand

firm, and hold the traditions which you were taught by us, whether by word, or by letter. 16Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish you in every good





Thessalonians Chapter 3

1Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified, even as also with

2and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and evil men; for not all have faith. 3But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you, and quard you from the evil one. 4We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you both do and will do the

things we command. 5May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patience of Christ. 6Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw yourselves from everv brother who walks in

rebellion, and not after the tradition which they received from us. 7For you know how you ought to imitate us. For we didn't behave ourselves rebelliously among you, 8neither did we eat bread from anyone's hand without paying for it, but in labor and travail worked night and

day, that we might not burden any of you; 9not because we don't have the right, but to make ourselves an example to you, that you should imitate us. 10For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: "If anyone will not work neither let him eat." 11For we hear of some who

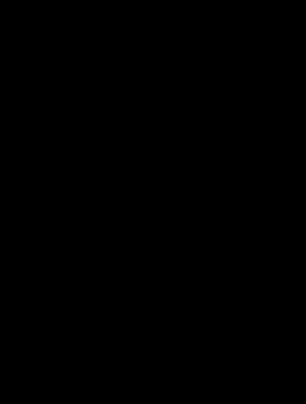
walk among you in rebellion, who don't work at all, but are busybodies. 12Now those who are that way, we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. 13But you, brothers, don't be weary in doing well. 14If any man doesn't obey

our word in this letter, note that man, that you have no company with him, to the end that he may be ashamed. 15Don't count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. 16Now may the Lord of peace himself qive you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all.

17The greeting of me, Paul, with my own hand, which is the sign in every letter: this is how I write.

18The grace of our Lord Jesus

Christ be with you all. Amen.



1 Timothy Chapter 1

hope;

IPaul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and Christ Jesus our

2to Timothy, my true child in

faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3As I urged you when I was qoing into Macedonia, stay at Ephesus that you might command certain men not to teach a different doctrine, 4neither to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which cause

disputes, rather than God's stewardship, which is in faith--5but the qoal of this command is love, out of a pure heart and a good conscience and sincere faith; 6from which things some, having missed the mark, have turned aside to vain talking; Idesiring to be teachers of

the law, though they understand neither what they say, nor about what they strongly affirm. 8But we know that the law is good, if a man uses it lawfully, 9as knowing this, that law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and

insubordinate, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10for the sexually immoral, for homosexuals, for slavetraders, for liars, for perjurers, and for any other thing contrary to the sound doctrine:

llaccording to the Good News of the glory of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. 12And I thank him who enabled me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he counted me faithful, appointing me to service; 13although I was before a blasphemer, a persecutor, and

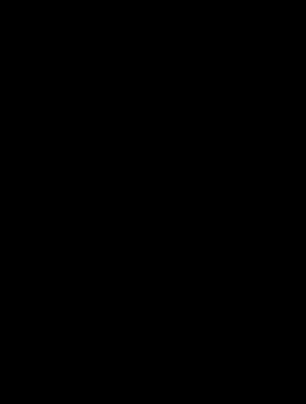
insolent. However, I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14The grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. 15The saying is faithful and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of

whom I am chief. 16However, for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first, Jesus Christ might display all his patience, for example of those who were qoing to believe in him for eternal life. 17Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God

who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. 18This instruction I commit to you, my child Timothy, according to the prophecies which led the way to you, that by them you may wage the qood warfare; 19holding faith and a good

conscience; which some having thrust away made a shipwreck concerning the faith; 20of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I delivered to Satan, that they might be

taught not to blaspheme.



1 Timothy Chapter 2

II exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and givings of thanks, be made for all men:

2for kings and all who are in

high places; that we may lead

a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and reverence. 3For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior: 4who desires all people to be saved and come to full knowledge of the truth. 5For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

6who qave himself as a ransom for all; the testimony in its own times; 7to which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth in Christ. not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. 8I desire therefore that the men in every place pray, lifting up holy hands without

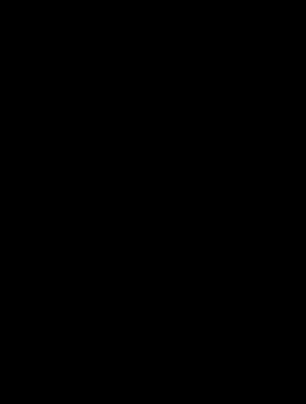
anger and doubting. 9In the same way, that women also adorn themselves in decent clothing, with modesty and propriety; not iust with braided hair, gold, pearls, or expensive clothing; 10but (which becomes women professing godliness) with good works.

11Let a woman learn in quietness with all subjection. 12But I don't permit a woman to teach, nor to exercise authority over a man but to be in quietness. 13For Adam was first formed, then Eve. 14Adam wasn't deceived, but the woman, being deceived, has fallen into disobedience;

15but she will be saved through her childbearing, if they continue in faith, love,

and sanctification with

sobriety.



1 Timothy Chapter 3

1This is a faithful saying: if a man seeks the office of an overseer, he desires a good work.

2The overseer therefore must be without reproach, the

husband of one wife, temperate, sensible, modest, hospitable, good at teaching; 3not a drinker, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; 4one who rules his own house well, having children in subjection with all reverence; 5(but if a man doesn't know

how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the assembly of God?) 6not a new convert, lest being puffed up he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. 7Moreover he must have good testimony from those who are outside, to avoid falling into reproach and the snare

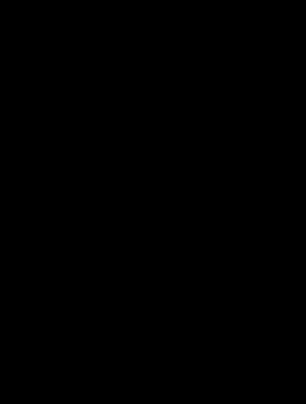
of the devil. 8Servants, in the same way, must be reverent, not doubletonqued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for money; 9holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. 10Let them also first be tested; then let them serve if they are blameless.

11Their wives in the same way must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, <u>faithful</u> in all things. 12Let servants be husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. 13For those who have served well gain for themselves a good standing, and great

boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. 14These things I write to you, hoping to come to you shortly: 15but if I wait long, that you may know how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the assembly of the living God,

the pillar and ground of the truth. 16Without controversy, the mystery of qodliness is great: God was revealed in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, and received

up in glory.



1 Timothy Chapter 4

1But the Spirit says expressly that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to seducing

spirits and doctrines of

demons,

2through the hypocrisy of men who speak lies, branded in their own conscience as with a hot iron; 3forbidding marriage and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksqiving by those who believe and know the truth. 4For every creature of God is

good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with thanksqiving. 5For it is sanctified through the word of God and prayer. 6If you instruct the brothers of these things, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished in the words of the faith, and of the good doctrine which you have

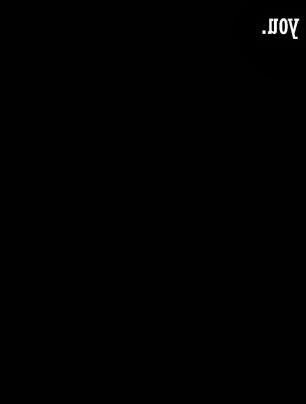
followed. 7But refuse profane and old wives' fables. Exercise yourself toward godliness. 8For bodily exercise has some value, but godliness has value in all things, having the promise of the life which is now, and of that which is to

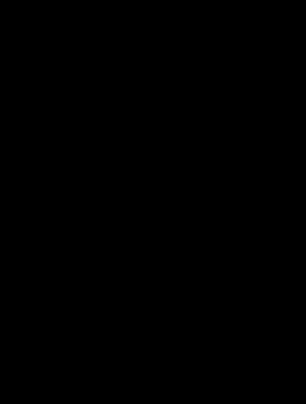
9This saying is faithful and

worthy of all acceptance. 10For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we have set our trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. 11Command and teach these things. 12Let no man despise your

youth; but be an example to those who believe, in word, in your way of life, in love, in spirit, in faith, and in purity. 13Until I come, pay attention to reading, to exhortation, and to teaching. 14Don't neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the

elders. 15Be diligent in these things. Give yourself wholly to them, that your progress may be revealed to all. 16Pay attention to yourself, and to your teaching. Continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear





1 Timothy Chapter 5

1Don't rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father; the younger men as brothers; 2the elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, in all purity.

3Honor widows who are widows indeed. 4But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them learn first to show piety towards their own family, and to repay their parents, for this is acceptable in the sight of God. 5Now she who is a widow

indeed, and desolate, has her hope set on God, and continues in petitions and prayers night and day. 6But she who gives herself to pleasure is dead while she lives. 7Also command these things, that they may be without reproach.

8But if anyone doesn't provide for his own, and especially his own household, he has denied the faith, and worse than an unbeliever. 9Let no one be enrolled as a widow under sixty years old, having been the wife of one 10being approved by good

works, if she has brought up children, if she has been hospitable to strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, and if she has diligently followed every good work. 11But refuse younger widows, for when they have grown wanton against Christ, they desire to marry;

12having condemnation, because they have rejected their first pledge. 13Besides, they also learn to be idle, qoing about from house to house. Not only idle, but also qossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not. 14I desire therefore that the younger widows marry, bear

children, rule the household, and give no occasion to the adversary for insulting. 15For already some have turned aside after Satan. 16If any man or woman who believes has widows, let them relieve them, and don't let the assembly be burdened; that it might relieve those who are widows indeed.

17Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and in teaching. 18For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle the ox when it treads out the grain." And, "The laborer is worthy of his wages." 19Don't receive an accusation

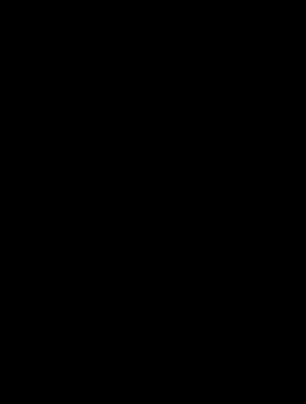
against an elder, except at the word of two or three witnesses. 20Those who sin, reprove in the sight of all, that the rest also may be in fear. 211 command you in the sight of God, and Christ Jesus, and the chosen angels, that you observe these things without prejudice, doing

nothing by partiality. 22Lay hands hastily on no one, neither be a participant in other men's sins. Keep yourself pure. 23Be no longer a drinker of water only, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities. 24Some men's sins are evident, preceding them to

judgment, and some also follow later.

25In the same way also there are good works that are obvious and those that are

obvious, and those that are otherwise can't be hidden.



1 Timothy Chapter 6

ILet as many as are bondservants under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and the doctrine not be

blasphemed. 2Those who have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brothers, but rather let them serve them, because those who partake of the benefit are believing and beloved. Teach and exhort these things 3If anyone teaches a different doctrine, and doesn't

consent to sound words, the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness, 4he is conceited, knowing nothing, but obsessed with arguments, disputes, and word battles, from which come envy, strife, insulting, evil suspicions,

Sconstant friction of people of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that qodliness is a means of qain. Withdraw yourself from such. 6But qodliness with contentment is great gain. 7For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly

can't carry anything out. 8But having food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9But those who are determined to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful lusts, such as drown men in ruin and destruction.

10For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some have been led astray from the faith in their greed, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11But you, man of God, flee these things, and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

12Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you confessed the good confession in the sight of many witnesses. 13I command you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate testified the good confession,

14that you keep the commandment without spot, blameless, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; 15which in its own times he will show, who is the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 16who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light; whom no man has seen,

nor can see: to whom be honor and eternal power. Amen. 17Charge those who are rich in this present world that they not be haughty, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on

the living God, who richly

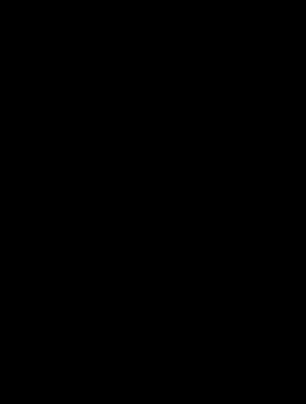
provides us with everything

to enjoy;

18that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate; 19laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold of eternal life. 20Timothy, quard that which

is committed to you, turning away from the empty chatter and oppositions of the knowledge which is falsely so called; 21 which some professing have erred concerning the faith.

Grace be with you. Amen.



2 Timothy Chapter 1

1Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of

of the life which is in Christ esus.

2to Timothy, my beloved child:

God, according to the promise

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 31 thank God, whom I serve as my forefathers did, with a pure conscience. How unceasing is my memory of you in my petitions, night and day 4longing to see you, remembering your tears, that

I may be filled with joy; Shaving been reminded of the sincere faith that is in you; which lived first in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and, I am persuaded, in you also. 6For this cause, I remind you that you should stir up the qift of God which is in you through the laying on of my

hands. 7For God didn't give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control. 8Therefore don't be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner; but endure hardship for the Good News according to the power of God,

9who saved us and called us

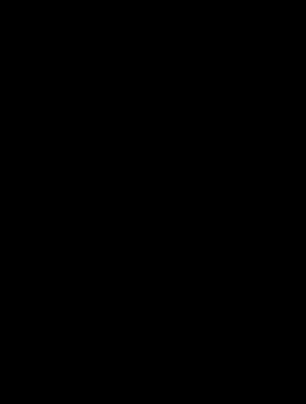
with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before times eternal, 10but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought

and immortality to light through the Good News. 11For this, I was appointed as a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. 12For this cause I also suffer these things. Yet I am not ashamed, for I know him whom I have believed, and I persuaded that he is able to

quard that which I have committed to him against that day. 13Hold the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. 14That good thing which was committed to you, quard through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

15This you know, that all who are in Asia turned away from me; of whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. 16May the Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain, 17but when he was in Rome, he sought me diligently, and found me
18(the Lord grant to him to
find the Lord's mercy in that
day); and in how many things
he served at Ephesus, you

know very well.



2 Timothy Chapter 2

1You therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2The things which you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit the same

to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. 3You therefore must endure hardship, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4No soldier on duty entangles himself in the affairs of life, that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier. 5Also, if anyone competes in athletics, he isn't crowned

unless he has competed by the rules. 6The farmers who labor must be the first to get a share of the crops. 7Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. 8Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my Good

News, 9in which I suffer hardship to the point of chains as a criminal. But God's word isn't chained. 10Therefore I endure all things for the chosen ones' sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is Christ Jesus with eternal

qlory. 11This saying is faithful: "For if we died with him, we will also live with him. 12If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we deny him, he also will deny us. 13If we are faithless, he remains faithful. He can't deny himself." 14Remind them of these

things, charging them in the sight of the Lord, that they don't arque about words, to profit, to the subverting of those who hear. 15Give diligence to present yourself approved by God, a workman who doesn't need to be ashamed, properly handling the Word of Truth.

16But shun empty chatter, for they will proceed further in unqodliness, 17and their word will consume like qangrene, of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; 18men who have erred concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past, and

overthrowing the faith of some. 19However God's firm foundation stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let every one who names the name of the Lord depart from unriqhteousness." 20Now in a large house there are not only vessels of gold

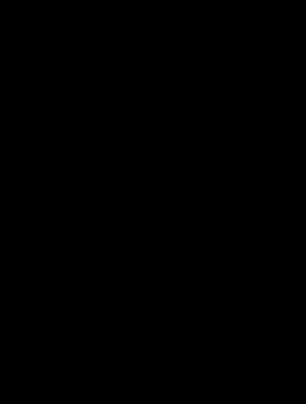
and of silver, but also of wood and of clay. Some are for honor, and some for dishonor. 211f anyone therefore purqes himself from these, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, and suitable for the master's use, prepared for every good work. 22Flee from youthful lusts;

but pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 23But refuse foolish and ignorant questionings, knowing that they generate strife. 24The Lord's servant must not quarrel, but be qentle towards all, able to teach,

patient, 25in qentleness correcting those who oppose him: perhaps God may give them repentance leading to a full knowledge of the truth, 26and they may recover themselves out of the devil's

snare, having been taken

captive by him to his will.



2 Timothy Chapter 3

1But know this, that in the last days, grievous times will come.

2For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers,

disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3without natural affection, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, no lovers of good, 4traitors, headstrong, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; Sholding a form of godliness, but having denied its power.

Turn away from these, also. 6For some of these are people who creep into houses, and take captive qullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, 7 always learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8Even as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so do these

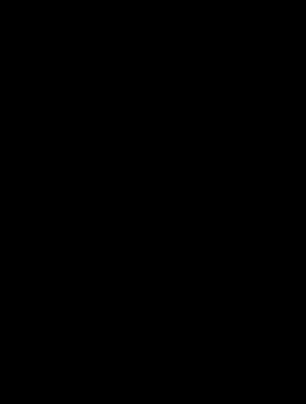
also oppose the truth; men corrupted in mind, who concerning the faith, are rejected. 9But they will proceed no further. For their folly will be evident to all men, as theirs also came to be. 10But you did follow my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love,

steadfastness, 11 persecutions, and sufferings: those things that happened to me at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. I endured those persecutions. Out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13But evil men and

impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14But you remain in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them. 15From infancy, you have known the holy Scriptures

which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus. 16Every Scripture is Godbreathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction righteousness, 17that the man of God may

be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.



2 Timothy Chapter 4

II command you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at his

appearing and his Kingdom:

2preach the word; be urgent

in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with all patience and teaching. 3Ior the time will come when they will not listen to the sound doctrine, but, having itching ears, will heap up for themselves teachers after their own lusts; 4and will turn away their

ears from the truth, and turn aside to fables. 5But you be sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, and fulfill your ministry. 6For I am already being offered, and the time of my departure has come. 71 have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I

have kept the faith. 8From now on, there is stored up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day; and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved his appearing. 9Be diligent to come to me

10for Demas left me, having loved this present world, and went to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, and Titus Dalmatia. 110nly Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service.

12But I sent Tychicus to

Ephesus. 13Bring the cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus when you come, and the books, especially the parchments. 14Alexander, the coppersmith, did much evil to me. The Lord will repay him according to his works, 15of whom you also must beware; for he greatly opposed

our words. 16At my first defense, no one came to help me, but all left me. May it not be held against them. 17But the Lord stood by me, and strengthened me, that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, that all the Gentiles might

hear; and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. 18And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me for his heavenly Kingdom; to whom the glory forever and ever. Amen. 19Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the house of Onesiphorus.

20Erastus remained at Corinth, but I left Trophimus at Miletus sick. 21Be diligent to come before winter. Eubulus salutes you, as do Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers. 22The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

Titus Chapter 1

IPaul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's chosen ones, and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, 2in hope of eternal life, which God, who can't lie, promised before time began; 3but in his own time revealed his word in the

message with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior; 4to Titus, my true child according to a common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior. 51 left you in Crete for this reason, that you would set in

order the things that were lacking, and appoint elders in every city, as I directed you; 6if anyone is blameless, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, who are not accused of loose or unruly behavior. 7For the overseer must be blameless, as God's steward; not self-pleasing, not easily

angered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for dishonest qain; 8but given to hospitality, a lover of good, sober minded, fair, holy, self-controlled; 9holding to the faithful word which is according to the teaching, that he may be able to exhort in the sound doctrine, and to convict those

who contradict him. 10For there are also many unruly men, vain talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, 11 whose mouths must be stopped; men who overthrow whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for dishonest gain's sake. 120ne of them, a prophet of

their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, and idle qluttons." 13This testimony is true. For this cause, reprove them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, 14not paying attention to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.

15To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. 16They profess that they know God, but by their works they deny him, being abominable, disobedient, and

unfit for any good work. Titus Chapter 2 1But say the things which fit sound doctrine, 2that older men should be temperate, sensible, sober minded, sound in faith, in love, and in patience:

3and that older women

likewise be reverent in

behavior, not slanderers nor enslaved to much wine, teachers of that which is good; 4that they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5to be sober minded, chaste, workers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own

husbands, that God's word may not be blasphemed. 6Likewise, exhort the younger men to be sober minded; 7in all things showing yourself an example of good works; in your teaching showing integrity, seriousness, incorruptibility, 8and soundness of speech that can't be condemned; that

he who opposes you may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say about us. 9Exhort servants to be in subjection to their own masters, and to be wellpleasing in all things; not contradicting; 10not stealing, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God, our Savior, in

all things. 11For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12instructing us to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we would live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; 13looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the

glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ; 14who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify for himself a people for his 0WI possession, zealous for good works. 15Say these things and exhort and reprove with all

authority. Let no man despise Titus Chapter 3 1Remind them to be in subjection to rulers and to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, 2to speak evil of no one, not to be contentious, to be gentle, showing all humility toward all men.

3For we were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice envy, hateful, and hating one another. 4But when the kindness of God our Savior and his love toward mankind appeared, 5not by works of

righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy, he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6whom he poured out on us richly, through Jesus Christ our Savior; 7that, being justified by his grace, we might be made

heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 8This saying is faithful, and concerning these things I desire that you affirm confidently, so that those who have believed God may be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men;

9but shun foolish questionings, genealogies, strife, and disputes about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. 10Avoid a factious man after a first and second warning; 11knowing that such a one is perverted, and sins, being self-condemned. 12When I send Artemas to

you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me to Nicopolis, for I have determined to winter there. 13Send Zenas, the lawyer, and Apollos on their journey speedily, that nothing may be lacking for them. 14Let our people also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they may

not be unfruitful. 15All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in faith. Grace be with you all. Amen. Philemon Chapter 1 1Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon, our beloved fellow worker,

2to the beloved Apphia, to

Archippus, our fellow soldier, and to the assembly in your house: 3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord lesus Christ. 41 thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers, Shearing of your love, and of

the faith which you have

toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all the saints; 6that the fellowship of your faith may become effective, in the knowledge of every good thing which is in us in Christ Jesus. 7For we have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through

you, brother. 8Therefore, though I have all boldness in Christ to command you that which is appropriate, 9yet for love's sake I rather beg, being such a one as Paul, the aged, but also a prisoner of Jesus Christ. 10I beg you for my child, whom I have become the

father of in my chains, Onesimus, 11who once was useless to you, but now is useful to you and to me. 121 am sending him back. Therefore receive him, that is, my own heart, 13whom I desired to keep with me, that on your behalf he might serve me in my

chains for the Good News. 14But I was willing to do nothing without your consent, that your qoodness would not be as of necessity, but of free will. 15For perhaps he was therefore separated from you for a while, that you would have him forever, 16no longer as a slave, but

more than a slave, a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much rather to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. 171f then you count me a partner, receive him as you would receive me. 18But if he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, put that to my account.

19I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it (not to mention to you that you owe to me even your own self besides). 20Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in the Lord. 21Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do

even beyond what I say. 22Also, prepare a guest room for me, for I hope that through your prayers I will be restored to you. 23Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, 24as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. 25The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. Hebrews Chapter 1 1God, having in the past spoken to the fathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2has at the end of these days

spoken to us by his Son,

whom he appointed heir of

all things, through whom also he made the worlds. 3His Son is the radiance of his glory, the very image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself made purification for our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on

4having become so much better than the angels, as he has inherited a more excellent name than they have. 5For to which of the angels did he say at any time, "You are my Son. Today have I become your father?" and again, "I will be to him a Father,

and he will be to me a Son?" 6Again, when he brings in the firstborn into the world he says, "Let all the angels of God worship him." 70f the angels he says, "Who makes his angels winds, and his servants a flame of fire." 8But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever

and ever. The scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your Kingdom. 9You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of qladness above your fellows." 10And, "You, Lord, in the beginning, laid the foundation of the earth. The heavens are

the works of your hands. 11They will perish, but you continue. They all will grow old like a garment does. 12As a mantle, you will roll them up, and they will be changed; but you are the same. Your years will not 13But which of the angels has he told at any time, "Sit

at my right hand, until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet?" 14Aren't they all serving spirits, sent out to do service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation? Hebrews Chapter 2 1Therefore we ought to pay greater attention to the things that were heard, lest

perhaps we drift away. 2For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense; 3how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation-which at the first having been spoken through the Lord,

was confirmed to us by those who heard; 4God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders, by various works of power, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will? 5For he didn't subject the world to come, of which we

speak, to angels. 6But one has somewhere testified, saying, "What is man, that you think of him? Or the son of man, that you care for him? 7You made him a little lower than the angels. You crowned him with glory and honor. 8You have put all things in

subjection under his feet."

For in that he subjected all things to him, he left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we don't see all things subjected to him, yet. 9But we see him who has been made a little lower than the angels, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of

God he should taste of death for everyone. 10For it became him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many children to glory, to make the author of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11For both he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified

are all from one, for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brothers, 12saying, "I will declare your name to my brothers. In the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." 13Again, "I will put my trust in him." Again, "Behold, here I am with the children whom God has given me."

14Since then the children have shared in flesh and blood, he also himself in the same way partook of the that through death he might bring to nothing him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15and might deliver all of them who through fear of

death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16For most certainly, he doesn't give help to angels, but he gives help to the seed of Abraham. 17Therefore he was obligated in all things to be made like his brothers, that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things

pertaining to God, to make atonement for the sins of the people. 18For in that he himself has suffered being tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted. Hebrews Chapter 3

1Therefore, holy brothers, partakers of a heavenly

calling, consider the Apostle

and High Priest of our confession, Jesus; 2who was faithful to him who appointed him, as also was Moses in all his house. 3For he has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who built the house has more honor than the house.

4For every house is built by someone; but he who built all things is God. 5Moses indeed was faithful in all his house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were afterward be spoken, 6but Christ is faithful as a Son over his house; whose

house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the qlorying of our hope firm to the end. 7Therefore, even as the Holy Spirit says, "Today if you will hear his voice, 8don't harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, like as in the day of the trial in the wilderness,

9where your fathers tested me by proving me, and saw my works for forty years. 10Therefore I was displeased with that generation, and said, 'They always err in their heart, but they didn't know my ways;' llas I swore in my wrath, They will not enter into my

rest.''' 12Beware, brothers, lest perhaps there be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from living God; 13but exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called "today;" lest any one of you be hardened by the

deceitfulness of sin. 14For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm to the end: 15while it is said, "Today if you will hear his voice, don't harden your hearts, as in the rebellion." 16For who, when they heard,

rebelled? No, didn't all those who came out of Egypt by Moses? 17With whom was he displeased forty years? Wasn't it with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wildern ess? 18To whom did he swear that they wouldn't enter into his

rest, but to those who were disobedient? 19We see that they were not able to enter in because of unbelief. Hebrews Chapter 4 lLet us fear therefore, lest perhaps anyone of you should seem to have come short of a promise of entering into

his rest.

2For indeed we have had good news preached to us, even as they also did, but the word they heard didn't profit them, because it wasn't mixed with faith by those who heard. 3For we who have believed do enter into that rest, even as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, they will not

enter into my rest;" although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4For he has said this somewhere about the seventh day, "God rested on the seventh day from all his works:" Sand in this place again, "They will not enter into my 6Seeing therefore it remains that some should enter therein, and they to whom the good news was before preached failed to enter in because of disobedience, The again defines a certain day, today, saying through David so long a time afterward (just as has been

"Today if you will hear his voice, don't harden your hearts." 8For if Joshua had given them rest, he would not have spoken afterward of another day. 9There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God. 10For he who has entered

into his rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from his. 11Let us therefore give diligence to enter into that rest, lest anyone fall after the same example of disobedience. 12For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to

the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13There is no creature that is hidden from his sight, but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him

with whom we have to do. 14Having then a great high priest, who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold tightly to our confession. 15For we don't have a high priest who can't be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but one who has

in all points tempted like we are, yet without sin. 16Let us therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace for help in time of need. Hebrews Chapter 5 1For every high priest, being

taken from among men, is appointed for men in things

pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2The high priest can deal gently with those who are ignorant and going astray, because he himself is also surrounded with weakness. 3Because of this, he must offer sacrifices for sins for the people, as well as for

himself. 4Nobody takes this honor on himself, but he is called by God, just like Aaron was. 5So also Christ didn't glorify himself to be made a high priest, but it was he who said to him, "You are my Son. Today I have become your father." 6As he says also in another

place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." 7He, in the days of his flesh, having offered up prayers and petitions with strong crying and tears to him who W₃S able to save him from death, and having been heard for his qodly fear,

8though he was a Son, yet learned obedience by the things which he suffered. 9Having been made perfect, he became to all of those who obey him the author of eternal salvation, 10named by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek. 11About him we have many

words to say, and hard to interpret, seeing you have become dull of hearing. 12For although by this time you should be teachers, you again need to have someone teach you the rudiments of the first principles of the oracles of God. You have come to need milk, and not solid

13For everyone who lives on milk is not experienced in the word of righteousness, for he is a baby. 14But solid food is for those who are full grown, who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern poop and evil. Hebrews Chapter 6

1Therefore leaving the teaching of the first principles of Christ, let us press on to perfection--not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works, of faith toward God, 2of the teaching of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

3This will we do, if God permits. 4For concerning those who were once enlightened and tasted of the heavenly qift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, Sand tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the age to come, band then fell away, it is

impossible to renew them again to repentance; seeing they crucify the Son of God themselves again, and put him to open shame. 7For the land which has drunk the rain that comes often on it, and brings forth a crop suitable for them for whose

sake it is also tilled, receives blessing from God; 8but if it bears thorns and thistles, it is rejected and near being cursed, whose end is to be burned. 9But, beloved, we are persuaded of better things for you, and things that accompany salvation, even though we

speak like this. 10For God is not unrighteous, so as to forget your work and the labor of love which you showed toward his name, in that you served the saints, and still do serve them. 11We desire that each one of you may show the same diligence to the fullness of hope even to the end,

12that you won't be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherited the promises. 13For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he could swear by none greater, he swore by himself, 14saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply

15Thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. 16For men indeed swear by a greater one, and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation. 17In this way God, being determined to show more abundantly to the heirs of

the promise the immutability of his counsel, interposed with an oath; 18that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have a strong encouragement, who have fled for refuge to take hold of the hope set

before us. 19This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and entering into that which is within the veil; 20where as a forerunner Jesus entered for us, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews Chapter 7 1For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of God Most High, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter the kings and blessed him,

2to whom also Abraham

divided a tenth part of all

king of righteousness, and

(being first, by interpretation,

then also king of Salem, which is king of peace; 3without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God), remains a priest continually. 4Now consider how great this

man was, to whom even Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth out of the best spoils. 5They indeed of the sons of Levi who receive the priest's office have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brothers, though these have come out of the body of Abraham,

6but he whose genealogy is not counted from them has accepted tithes from Abraham and has blessed him who has the promises. 7But without any dispute the lesser is blessed by the greater. 8Here people who die receive tithes, but there one receives tithes of whom it is testified

that he lives. 9We can say that through Abraham even Levi, who receives tithes, has paid tithes, 10for he was yet in the body of his father when Melchizedek met him. 11Now if there was perfection through the Levitical priesthood (for

under it the people have received the law), what further need was there for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, and not be called after the order of Aaron? 12For the priesthood being changed, there is of necessity a change made also in the

aw. 13For he of whom these things are said belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar. 14For it is evident that our Lord has sprung out of Judah, about which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.

15This is yet more abundantly evident, if after the likeness of Melchizedek there arises another priest, 16who has been made, not after the law of a fleshly commandment, but after the power of an endless life: 17for it is testified, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

18For there is an annulling of a foregoing commandment because of its weakness and uselessness 19(for the law made nothing perfect), and a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God. 20Inasmuch as he was not made priest without the taking of an oath

21(for they indeed have been made priests without an oath), but he with an oath by him that says of him, "The Lord swore and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." 22By so much, Jesus has become the collateral of a better covenant.

23Many, indeed, have been made priests, because they are hindered from continuing by death. 24But he, because he lives forever, has his priesthood unchangeable. 25Therefore he is also able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, seeing that he

lives forever to make intercession for them. 26For such a high priest was fitting for us: holy, quiltless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; 27who doesn't need, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices daily, first for his

own sins, and then for the sins of the people. For he did this once for all, when he offered up himself. 28For the law appoints men as high priests who have weakness, but the word of the oath which came after the law appoints a Son forever who has been perfected.

Hebrews Chapter 8 1Now in the things which we are saying, the main point is this. We have such a high priest, who sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2a servant of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not

3For every high priest is appointed to offer both qifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer. 4For if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, seeing there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law;

5who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, even as Moses was warned by God when he was about to make the tabernacle, for he said, "See, you shall make everything according to the pattern that was shown to you on the mountain." 6But now he has obtained a

more excellent ministry, by so much as he is also the mediator of a better covenant which on better promises has been given as law. 7For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. 8For finding fault with them, he said, "Behold, the days

come," says the Lord, "that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah; 9not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers, in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; for they didn't

continue in my covenant, and I disregarded them," says the Lord. 10"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel. After those days," says the Lord; "I will put my laws into their mind, I will also write them on their heart. I will be their

God, and they will be my

people. 11They will not teach every man his fellow citizen, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all will know me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. 12For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness. I will remember their sins and lawless deeds no more."

13In that he says, "A new covenant," he has made the first old. But that which is becoming old and grows aged is near to vanishing away. Hebrews Chapter 9 1Now indeed even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service, and an earthly sanctuary.

2For a tabernacle was

prepared. In the first part were the lampstand, the table, and the show bread; which is called the Holy Place. 3After the second veil was the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, 4having a golden altar of incense, and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which was a

golden pot holding the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; Sand above it cherubim of qlory overshadowing the mercy seat, of which things we can't speak now in detail. 6Now these things having been thus prepared, the priests qo in continually into the first tabernacle,

accomplishing the services, 7but into the second the high priest alone, once in the year, not without blood, which he offers for himself, and for the errors of the people. 8The Holy Spirit is indicating this, that the way into the Holy Place wasn't yet revealed while the first tabernacle was still standing;

9which is a symbol of the present age, where gifts and sacrifices are offered that are incapable, concerning the conscience, of making the worshipper perfect; 10being only (with meats and drinks and various washings) fleshly ordinances, imposed until a time of reformation. 11But Christ having come as a high priest of the coming good things, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation, 12nor yet through the blood of qoats and calves, but through his own blood, entered in once for all into

the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption. 13For if the blood of qoats and bulls, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify to the cleanness of the flesh: 14how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered

himself without blemish to God. cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, since a death has occurred for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, that

those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. 16For where a last will and testament is, there must of necessity be the death of him who made it. 17For a will is in force where there has been death, for it is never in force while he who made it lives.

18Therefore even the first covenant has not been dedicated without blood. 19For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and

sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you." 21Moreover he sprinkled the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry in the same way with the blood. 22According to the law, nearly

everything is cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no remission. 23It was necessary therefore that the copies of the things in the heavens should be cleansed with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24For Christ hasn't entered into holy places made with hands, which are representations of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; 25nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest enters into the holy place year by year with

blood not his own, 26or else he must have suffered often since the foundation of the world. But now once at the end of the ages, he has been revealed to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27Inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die

once, and after this, judgment, 28so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, without sin, to those who are eagerly waiting for him for salvation. Hebrews Chapter 10 1For the law, having a shadow of the good to come, not the very image of the things, can

never with the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect those who draw near. 20r else wouldn't they have ceased to be offered, because the worshippers, having been once cleansed, would have had no more consciousness of sins? 3But in those sacrifices there

is a yearly reminder of sins. 4For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and qoats should take away sins. 5Therefore when he comes into the world, he says, "Sacrifice and offering you didn't desire, but you prepared a body for me; 6You had no pleasure in whole burnt offerings and

sacrifices for sin. 7Then I said, 'Behold, I have come (in the scroll of the book it is written of me) to do your will, O God."" 8Previously saying, "Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you didn't desire, neither had pleasure in them" (those which are

offered according to the law), 9then he has said, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He takes away the first, that he may establish the second, 10by which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11Every priest indeed stands day by day serving and often

offering the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins, 12but he, when he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God; 13from that time waiting until his enemies are made the footstool of his feet. 14For by one offering he has

perfected forever those who are being sanctified. 15The Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 16"This is the covenant that I will make with them: 'After those days,' says the Lord, 'I will put my laws on their heart, I will also write them on their mind;" then he says,

17"I will remember their sins and their iniquities no more." 18Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. 19Having therefore, brothers, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of lesus. 20by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and

living way, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21and having a great priest over the house of God, 22let's draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and having our body washed with pure water, 23let us hold fast the

confession of our hope without wavering; for he who promised is faithful. 24Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good works, 25not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so

the more, as you see the Day approaching. 26For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more a sacrifice sins, 27but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and a fierceness of fire which

will devour the adversaries. 28A man who disregards Moses' law dies without compassion on the word of two or three witnesses. 29How much worse punishment, do you think, will he be judged worthy of, who has trodden under foot the Son of God, and has counted the

blood of the covenant with which he was sanctified an unholy thing, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30For we know him who said, "Vengeance belongs to me," says the Lord, "I will repay." Again, "The Lord will judge his people." 31It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living

God. 32But remember the former days, in which, after you were enlightened, you endured a great struggle with sufferings; 33partly, being exposed to both reproaches and oppressions; and partly, becoming partakers with those who

were treated so. 34For you both had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and an enduring one in the heavens. 35Therefore don't throw away

your boldness, which has a great reward. 36For you need endurance so that, having done the will of God, you may receive the promise. 37"In a very little while, he who comes will come, and will not wait. 38But the righteous will live by faith. If he shrinks back,

my soul has no pleasure in 39But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the saving of the soul.

Hebrews Chapter 11
INow faith is assurance of things hoped for, proof of things not seen.

2For by this, the elders obtained testimony. 3By faith, we understand that the universe has been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen has not been made out of things which are visible. 4By faith, Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he

had testimony given to him that he was righteous, God testifying with respect to his qifts; and through it he, being dead, still speaks. 5By faith, Enoch was taken away, so that he wouldn't see death, and he was not found, because God translated him. For he has had testimony given to him that before his

translation he had been well pleasing to God. 6Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to him, for he who comes to God must believe that he exists, and that he is a rewarder of those who seek him. 7By faith, Noah, being warned about things not yet seen,

moved with qodly fear, prepared a ship for the saving of his house, through which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. 8By faith, Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out

to the place which he was to receive for an inheritance. He went out, not knowing where he went. 9By faith, he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a land not his own, dwelling in tents, with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise. 10For he looked for the city

which has the foundations, whose builder and maker is God. 11By faith, even Sarah herself received power to conceive, and she bore a child when she was past age, since she counted him faithful who had promised. 12Therefore as many as the

stars of the sky in multitude, and as innumerable as the sand which is by the sea shore, were fathered by one man, and him as good as dead. 13These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them and embraced them from afar, and having confessed that

they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. 15If indeed they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had enough time to return.

16But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed of them, to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. 17By faith, Abraham, being tested, offered up Isaac. Yes, he who had gladly received the promises was offering up his one and only son;

18even he to whom it was said, "In Isaac will your seed be called;" 19concluding that God is able to raise up even from the dead. Figuratively speaking, he also did receive him back from the dead. 20By faith, Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even concerning things to come.

21By faith, Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. 22By faith, Joseph, when his end was near, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel; and gave

instructions concerning his

bones. 23By faith, Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that he Was a beautiful child, and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. 24By faith, Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be

called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25choosing rather to share ill treatment with God's people, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a time; 26 accounting the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he looked to the reward. 27By faith, he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. 28By faith, he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of the blood, that the destroyer of the firstborn should not touch them. 29By faith, they passed through the Red Sea as on

dry land. When the Egyptians tried to do so, they were swallowed up. 30By faith, the walls of Jericho fell down, after they had been encircled for seven days. 31By faith, Rahab the prostitute, didn't perish with those who were disobedient, having received the spies in

peace. 32What more shall I say? For the time would fail me if I told of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets; 33who, through faith subdued kingdoms, worked out righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths

lions, 34quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, grew mighty in war, and caused foreign armies to flee. 35Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they

might obtain a better resurrection. 360thers were tried by mocking and scourging, yes, moreover by bonds and imprisonment. 37They were stoned. They were sawn apart. They were tempted. They were slain with the sword. They went

around in sheep skins and in

qoat skins; being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated 38(of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts, mountains, caves, and the holes of the earth. 39These all, having had testimony given to them through their faith, didn't receive the promise, 40God having provided some better thing concerning us, so that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Hebrews Chapter 12 1Therefore let us also, seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with

patience the race that is set before us, 2looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising its shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3For consider him who has endured such contradiction of

sinners against himself, that you don't grow weary, fainting in your souls. 4You have not yet resisted to blood, striving against sin; Sand you have forgotten the exhortation which reasons with you as with children, "My son, don't take lightly the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when you are

reproved by him; 6For whom the Lord loves, he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives." 7It is for discipline that you endure. God deals with you as with children, for what son is there whom his father doesn't discipline? 8But if you are without discipline, of which all have

been made partakers, then are you illegitimate, and not children. 9Furthermore, we had the fathers of our flesh to chasten us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits, and live? 10For they indeed, for a few

days, punished us as seemed good to them; but he for our profit, that we may be partakers of his holiness. 11All chastening seems for the present to be not joyous but grievous; yet afterward it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been exercised thereby. 12Therefore, lift up the hands

that hang down and the feeble knees, 13and make straight paths for your feet, so that which is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. 14Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man will see the Lord,

15looking carefully lest there be any man who falls short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and many be defiled by it; 16lest there be any sexually immoral person, or <u>profane</u> person, like Esau, who sold his birthright for one meal. 17For you know that even

when he afterward desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for a change of mind though he sought it diligently with tears. 18For you have not come to a mountain that might be touched, and that burned with fire, and to blackness, darkness, storm,

19the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which those who heard it begged that not one more word should be spoken to them, 20for they could not stand that which was commanded, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be

21and so fearful was the appearance, that Moses said, "I am terrified and trembling." 22But you have come to Mount Zion, and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable multitudes of angels, 23to the general assembly and assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better than that of Abel. 25See that you don't refuse

him who speaks. For if they didn't escape when they refused him who warned on the Earth, how much more will we not escape who turn away from him who warns from heaven, 26whose voice shook the earth then, but now he has promised, saying, "Yet once

more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heavens." 27This phrase, "Yet once more," signifies the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that have been made, that those things which are not shaken may remain. 28Therefore, receiving a

Kingdom that can't be shaken, let us have grace, through which we serve God acceptably, with reverence and awe, 29 for our God is a consuming Hebrews Chapter 13 1Let brotherly love continue. 2Don't forget to show

hospitality to strangers, for in

doing so, some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3Remember those who are in bonds, as bound with them; and those who are ill-treated, since you are also in the body 4Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the bed be undefiled: but God

will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. 5Be free from the love of money, content with such things as you have, for he has said, "I will in no way leave you, neither will I in any way forsake you." 6So that with good courage we say, "The Lord is my

helper. I will not fear. What can man do to me?" 7Remember your leaders, men who spoke to you the word of God, and considering the results of their conduct, imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. 9Don't be carried away by various and strange teachings

for it is good that the heart be established by grace, not by food, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited. 10We have an altar from which those who serve the holy tabernacle have no right to eat. 11For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is

brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin, are burned outside of the camp. 12Therefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people through his own blood, suffered outside of the gate. 13Let us therefore go out to him outside of the camp, bearing his reproach.

14For we don't have here an enduring city, but we seek that which is to come. 15Through him, then, let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips which proclaim allegiance to his name. 16But don't forget to be doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is

well pleased. 170bey your leaders and submit to them, for they watch on behalf of your souls as those who will give account, that they may do this with joy, and not with groaning, for that would be unprofitable for you. 18Pray for us, for we are

persuaded that we have a qood conscience, desiring to live honorably in all things. 191 strongly urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you sooner. 20Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, our Lord

esus, 21 make you complete in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. 22But I exhort you, brothers, endure the word of

exhortation, for I have written to you in few words. 23Know that our brother Timothy has been freed, with whom, if he comes shortly, I will see you. 24Greet all of your leaders and all the saints. The Italians greet you. 25Grace be with you all. Amen.

James Chapter 1 Hames, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are in the Dispersion: Greetings. 2Count it all joy, my brothers, when you fall into various

temptations,

3knowing that the testing of your faith produces

endurance.

4Let endurance have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. 5But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach; and it will be given to him. 6But let him ask in faith, without any doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven by the wind and tossed. 7For let that man not think that he will receive anything from the Lord. 8He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. 9But let the brother in humble circumstances glory in his high position;

10and the rich, in that he is made humble, because like the flower in the grass, he will pass away. 11For the sun arises with the scorching wind, and withers the grass, and the flower in it falls, and the beauty of its appearance perishes. So also

appearance perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in his pursuits.

12Blessed is the man who endures temptation, for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to those who love him. 13Let no man say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God," for God can't be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one.

14But each one is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. 15Then the lust, when it has conceived, bears sin; and the sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death. 16Don't be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,

coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, nor turning shadow. 180f his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. 19So, then, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak,

and slow to anger; 20for the anger of man doesn't produce the righteousness of God. 21Therefore, putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with humility the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22But be doers of the word,

and not only hearers, deluding your own selves. 23For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man looking at his natural face in a mirror; 24for he sees himself, and qoes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he 25But he who looks into the

perfect law of freedom, and continues, not being a hearer who forgets, but a doer of the work, this man will be blessed in what he does. 26If anyone among you thinks himself to be religious while he doesn't bridle his tonque, but deceives his heart this man's religion is worthless.

27Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. James Chapter 2 1My brothers, don't hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory with partiality.

2For if a man with a gold

ring, in fine clothing, comes into your synagogue, and a poor man in filthy clothing also comes in; 3and you pay special attention to him who wears the fine clothing, and say, "Sit here in a good place;" and you tell the poor man, "Stand there," or "Sit by my footstool;"

4haven't you shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5Listen, my beloved brothers. Didn't God choose those who are poor in this world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the Kingdom which he promised to those who love

6But you have dishonored the poor man. Don't the rich oppress you, and personally drag you before the courts? 7Don't they blaspheme the honorable name by which you are called? 8However, if you fulfill the royal law, according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do

well. 9But if you show partiality, you commit sin, being convicted by the law as transgressors. 10For whoever keeps the whole law, and yet stumbles in one point, he has become quilty of all. 11For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said,

"Do not commit murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12So speak, and so do, as men who are to be judged by a law of freedom. 13For judgment is without mercy to him who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs

over judgment. 14What qood is it, my brothers, if a man says he has faith, but has no works? Can faith save him? 15And if a brother or sister is naked and in lack of daily food. 16and one of you tells them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled;" and yet you didn't

give them the things the body needs, what good is it? 17Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead in itself. 18Yes, a man will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. 19You believe that God is one.

You do well. The demons also believe, and shudder. 20But do you want to know, vain man, that faith apart from works is dead? 21 Wasn't Abraham our father justified by works, in that he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? 22You see that faith worked with his works, and by works

faith was perfected; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him as righteousness;" and he was called the friend of God. 24You see then that by works. a man is justified, and not only by faith. 25In the same way, wasn't

Rahab the prostitute also justified by works, in that she received the messengers, and sent them out another way? 26For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, even so faith apart from works is dead. James Chapter 3 1Let not many of you be

teachers, my brothers, knowing that we will receive heavier judgment. 2For in many things we all stumble. If anyone doesn't stumble in word, the same is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also. 3Indeed, we put bits into the horses' mouths so that they may obey us, and we quide

their whole body. 4Behold, the ships also, though they are so big and are driven by fierce winds, are yet quided by a very small rudder, wherever the pilot desires. 5So the tonque is also a little member, and boasts great things. See how a small fire can spread to a large

forest! 6And the tongue is a fire. The world of iniquity among our members is the tonque, which defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature, and is set on fire by Gehenna. 7For every kind of animal, bird, creeping thing, and thing in the sea, is tamed, and has

been tamed by mankind. 8But nobody can tame the tonque. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the image of God. 100ut of the same mouth comes forth blessing and cursing. My brothers, these

things ought not to be so. 11Does a spring send out from the same opening fresh and bitter water? 12Can a fig tree, my brothers, yield olives, or a vine fiqs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh water. 13Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by his good

conduct that his deeds are done in gentleness of wisdom. 14But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, don't boast and don't lie against the truth. 15This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, sensual, and demonic.

16For where jealousy and selfish ambition are, there is confusion and every evil deed. 17But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. 18Now the fruit of

righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. lames Chapter 4 1Where do wars and fightings among you come from? Don't they come from your pleasures that war in VOUL members?

2You lust, and don't have. You

kill, covet, and can't obtain. You fight and make war. You don't have, because you don't ask. 3You ask, and don't receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it for your pleasures. 4You adulterers and adulteresses, don't you know that friendship with the

world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 50r do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who lives in us yearns ealously"? 6But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God resists

the proud, but gives grace to the humble." 7Be subject therefore to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

9Lament, mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to qloom. 10Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will exalt you. 11Don't speak against one another, brothers. He who speaks against a brother and judges his brother, speaks

against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge. 120nly one is the lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge another? 13Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow let's go into this city, and spend a

year there, trade, and make a 14Whereas you don't know what your life will be like tomorrow. For what is your life? For you are a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away. 15For you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will both live, and do this or that."

16But now you glory in your boasting. All such boasting is 17To him therefore who knows to do good, and doesn't do it, to him it is sin. James Chapter 5 1Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries

that are coming on you.

2Your riches are corrupted

and your garments are motheaten. 3Your gold and your silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be for a testimony against you, and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up your treasure in the last days. 4Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your

fields, which you have kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of those who reaped have entered into the ears of the Lord of Armies. 5You have lived delicately on the earth, and taken your pleasure. You have nourished your hearts as in a day of

slaughter.

6You have condemned, you have murdered the righteous one. He doesn't resist you. 7Be patient therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it, until it receives the early and late rain. 8You also be patient.

Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at 9Don't grumble, brothers, against one another, so that you won't be judged. Behold, the judge stands at the door. 10Take, brothers, for an example of suffering and of patience, the prophets who

spoke in the name of the

Lord. 11Behold, we call them blessed who endured. You have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the Lord in the outcome, and how the Lord is full of compassion and mercy. 12But above all things, my brothers, don't swear, neither by heaven, nor by the earth,

nor by any other oath; but let your "yes" be "yes," and your "no," "no;" so that you don't fall into hypocrisy. 13Is any among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praises. 14Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the assembly, and let them

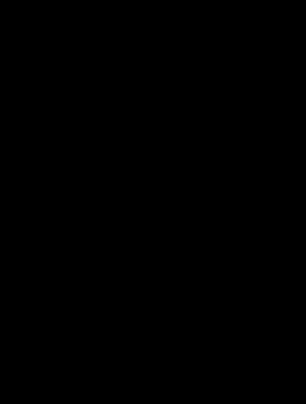
pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, 15and the prayer of faith will heal him who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16Confess your offenses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be

healed. The insistent prayer of a righteous person is powerfully effective. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it didn't rain on the earth for three years and six months. 18He prayed again, and the sky gave rain, and the earth

19Brothers, if any among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, 20let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death, and will cover a

brought forth its fruit.

multitude of sins.



1 Peter Chapter 1

Bithynia,

1Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the chosen ones who are living as foreigners in the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and

2according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with his blood: Grace to you and peace be multiplied. 3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his

great mercy became our father again to a living hope through the resurrection of lesus Christ from the dead, 4to an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance that doesn't fade away, reserved in Heaven for you, 5who by the power of God are quarded through faith for

a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6Wherein you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been put to grief in various trials, 7that the proof of your faith, which is more precious than gold that perishes even though it is tested by fire, may be found to result in

praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ--8whom not having known you love; in whom, though now you don't see him, yet believing, you rejoice greatly with joy unspeakable and full of qlory-greceiving the result of your faith, the salvation of your

10Concerning this salvation, the prophets sought and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, 11searching for who or what kind of time the Spirit of Christ, which was in them, pointed to, when he predicted the sufferings of Christ, and

the glories that would follow them. 12To them it was revealed, that not to themselves, but to you, they ministered these things, which now have been announced to you through those who preached the Good News to you by the Holy Spirit sent out from heaven; which things angels desire to

look into. 13Therefore, prepare your minds for action, be sober and set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ--14as children of obedience, not conforming yourselves according to your former

lusts as in your ignorance, 15but just as he who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all of your behavior; 16because it is written, "You shall be holy; for I am holy." 17If you call on him as Father, who without respect of persons judges according to each man's work, pass the

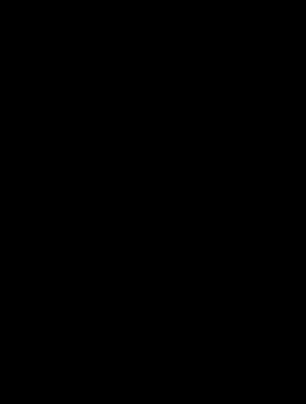
time of your living as foreigners here in reverent fear: 18knowing that you were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from the useless way of life handed down from your fathers, 19but with precious blood, as

of a faultless and pure lamb, the blood of Christ; 20who was foreknown indeed before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of times for your sake, 21who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead, and gave him glory; so that your faith

and hope might be in God. 22Seeing you have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth through the Spirit in sincere brotherly affection, love one another from the heart fervently: 23haying been born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which lives and

remains forever. 24For, "All flesh is like grass, and all of man's glory like the flower in the grass. The grass withers, and its flower 25but the Lord's word endures forever." This is the word of Good News which

was preached to you.



1 Peter Chapter 2

1Putting away therefore all wickedness, all deceit, hypocrisies, envies, and all evil speaking,

2as newborn babies, long for

the pure milk of the Word,

that you may grow thereby, 3if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious: 4coming to him, a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God, precious. 5You also, as living stones, are built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through

Jesus Christ. 6Because it is contained in Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, chosen, and precious: He who believes in him will not be disappointed." 7For you who believe therefore is the honor, but for those who are disobedient, "The stone which the

builders rejected, has become the chief cornerstone," 8and, "a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." For they stumble at the word, being disobedient, to which also they were appointed. 9But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation a people for God's own

possession, that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous liqht: 10who in time past were no people, but now are God's people, who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 11Beloved, I beg you as

foreigners and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12having good behavior among the nations, so in that of which they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they see, glorify God in the day of visitation. 13Therefore subject

yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether to the king, as supreme; 14or to governors, as sent by him for vengeance on evildoers and for praise to those who do well. 15For this is the will of God, that by well-doing you should put to silence the ignorance

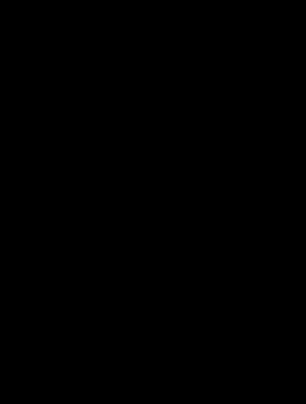
of foolish men: 16as free, and not using your freedom for a cloak of wickedness, but as bondservants of God. 17Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. 18Servants, be in subjection to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and

gentle, but also to the wicked. 19For it is commendable if someone endures pain, suffering unjustly, because of conscience toward God. 20For what glory is it if, when you sin, you patiently endure beating? But if, when you do well, you patiently endure suffering, this is commendable with God.

21For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving you an example, that you should follow his steps, 22who did not sin, "neither was deceit found in his mouth." 23Who, when he was cursed, didn't curse back. When he

suffered, didn't threaten, but committed himself to him who judges righteously; 24who his own self bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed. 25For you were going astray like sheep; but now have

returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.



1 Peter Chapter 3

IIn the same way, wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; so that, even if any don't obey the Word, they may be won by the behavior

of their wives without a

word; 2seeing your pure behavior in fear. 3Let your beauty be not just the outward adorning of braiding the hair, and of wearing jewels of gold, or of putting on fine clothing; 4but in the hidden person of the heart, in the incorruptible adornment of a qentle and

quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God very precious. 5For this is how the holy women before, who hoped in God also adorned themselves, being in subjection to their own husbands: 6as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose children you now are, if you do well, and are not put in

fear by any terror. 7You husbands, in the same way, live with your wives according to knowledge, giving honor to the woman, as to the weaker vessel, as being also joint heirs of the grace of life; that your prayers may not be hindered.

8Finally, be all like-minded, compassionate, loving as brothers, tenderhearted, courteous, 9not rendering evil for evil, or insult for insult; but instead blessing; knowing that to this were you called, that you may inherit a blessing. 10For, "He who would love

life, and see good days, let him keep his tonque from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. 11Let him turn away from evil, and do qood. Let him seek peace, and pursue it. 12For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears open to their prayer; but the face of the Lord is

against those who do evil." 13Now who is he who will harm you, if you become imitators of that which is qood? 14But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "Don't fear what they fear, neither be troubled." 15But sanctify the Lord God

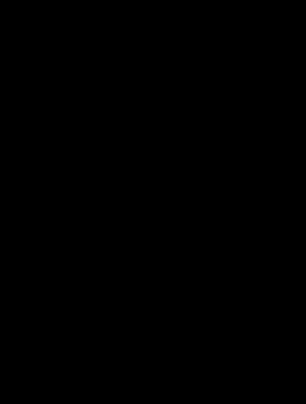
in your hearts; and always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, with humility and fear: 16having a good conscience; that, while you are spoken against as evildoers, they may be disappointed who curse your good way of life in

Christ. 17For it is better, if it is God's will, that you suffer for doing well than for doing evil. 18Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God: being put to death in the

flesh, but made alive in the spirit; 19in which he also went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20who before were disobedient, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, while the ship was being built. In it, few, that is, eight souls,

were saved through water. 21This is a symbol of baptism, which now saves you--not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who is at the right hand of God, having gone into

heaven, angels and authorities and powers being made subject to him.



1 Peter Chapter 4

1Forasmuch then as Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind; for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin;

2that you no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 3For we have spent enough of our past time doing the desire of the Gentiles, and having walked in lewdness, lusts, drunken binges, orgies. carousings, and abominable idolatries.

4They think it is strange that you don't run with them into the same excess of riot, blaspheming: 5who will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6For to this end the Good News was preached even to the dead, that they might be judged indeed as men in the

flesh, but live as to God in the spirit. 7But the end of all things is near. Therefore be of sound mind, self-controlled, and sober in prayer. 8And above all things be earnest in your love among yourselves, for love covers a multitude of sins. 9Be hospitable to one another

without grumbling. 10As each has received a gift employ it in serving one another, as good managers of the grace of God in its various forms. 11If anyone speaks, let it be as it were the very words of God. If anyone serves, let it be as of the strength which God supplies, that in all

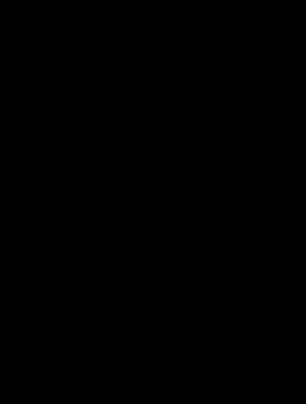
things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 12Beloved, don't be astonished at the fiery trial which has come upon you, to test you, as though a strange thing happened to you. 13But because you are

partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice; that at the revelation of his glory you also may rejoice with exceeding joy. 14If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed; because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on On their part he is

blasphemed, but on your part he is qlorified. 15For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evil doer, or a meddler in other men's matters. 16But if one of you suffers for being a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him qlorify God in this matter. 17For the time has come for

judgment to begin with the household of God. If it begins first with us, what will happen to those who don't obey the Good News of God? 18"If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will happen to the ungodly and the sinner?" 19Therefore let them also who suffer according to the

will of God in doing good entrust their souls to him, as to a faithful Creator.



1 Peter Chapter 5

II exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and who will also

share in the glory that will

be revealed.

2Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion, but voluntarily, not for dishonest gain, but willingly; 3neither as lording it over those entrusted to you, but making yourselves examples to the flock.

4When the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the crown of glory that doesn't fade away. 5Likewise, you younger ones, be subject to the elder. Yes, all of you clothe yourselves with humility, to subject yourselves to one another; for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

6Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; Icasting all your worries on him, because he cares for you. 8Be sober and self-controlled. Be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

9Withstand him steadfast in your faith, knowing that your brothers who are in the world are undergoing the same sufferings. 10But may the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

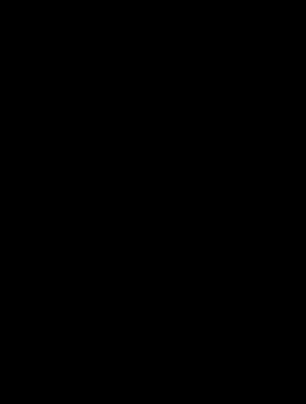
11To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. 12Through Silvanus, our faithful brother, as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

13She who is in Babylon,

chosen together with you, greets you; and so does Mark, my son.

14Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace be to you all who are in Christ Jesus.

Amen.



2 Peter Chapter 1

1Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained a like precious faith with us in the righteousness of our God

and Savior, Jesus Christ:

2Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3seeing that his divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and virtue; 4by which he has granted to

us his precious and exceedingly great promises; that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. 5Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply

moral excellence; and in moral excellence, knowledge; 6and in knowledge, selfcontrol; and in self-control patience; and in patience qodliness; 7 and in godliness brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, love. 8For if these things are yours and abound, they make you

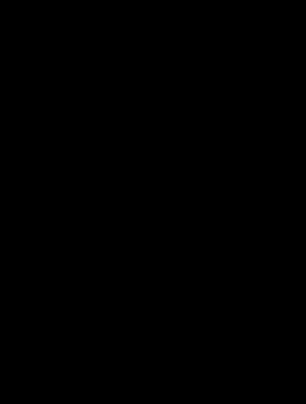
to be not idle nor unfruitful to the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9For he who lacks these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. 10Therefore, brothers, be more diligent to make your calling and election sure. For if you

do these things, you will never stumble. 11For thus you will be richly supplied with the entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 12Therefore I will not be negligent to remind you of these things, though you know them, and are established in

the present truth. 13I think it right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you; 14knowing that the putting off of my tent comes swiftly, even as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. 15Yes, I will make every effort that you may always be able to remember these

things even after my departure. 16For we did not follow cunningly devised fables, when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17For he received from God the Father honor and glory,

when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18We heard this voice come out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain. 19We have the more sure word of prophecy; and you do well that you heed it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns, and the morning star arises in your hearts: 20knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of private interpretation. 21For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke, being moved by the Holy Spirit.



2 Peter Chapter 2

IBut false prophets also arose among the people, as false teachers will also be among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master who

bought them, bringing on themselves swift destruction. 2Many will follow their immoral ways, and as a result, the way of the truth will be maliqued. 3In covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words: whose sentence now from of old doesn't linger, and their destruction will not

slumber. 4For if God didn't spare angels when they sinned, but cast them down to Tartarus, and committed them to pits darkness, to be reserved for judgment; 5and didn't spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah with seven others, a preacher

of righteousness, when he brought a flood on the world of the ungodly; 6and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly; 7and delivered righteous Lot,

who was very distressed by the lustful life of the wicked 8(for that righteous man dwelling among them, was tormented in his righteous soul from day to day with seeing and hearing lawless deeds): 9the Lord knows how to deliver the qodly out of temptation and to keep the

unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment; 10but chiefly those who walk after the flesh in the lust of defilement, and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries; 11 whereas angels, though greater in might and power,

don't bring a railing judgment against them before the Lord. 12But these, as unreasoning creatures, born natural animals to be taken and destroyed, speaking evil in matters about which they are ignorant, will in their

destroying surely be destroyed, 13receiving the wages of unrighteousness; people who count it pleasure to revel in the daytime, spots and blemishes, reveling in their deceit while they feast with 14having eyes full of adultery and who can't cease from sin:

enticing unsettled souls; having a heart trained in greed; children of cursing; 15forsaking the right way, they went astray, having followed the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of wrongdoing; 16but he was rebuked for his own disobedience. A mute

donkey spoke with a man's voice and stopped the madness of the prophet. 17These are wells without water, clouds driven by a storm; for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved forever. 18For, uttering great swelling words of emptiness, they

entice in the lusts of the flesh, by licentiousness, those who are indeed escaping from those who live in error; 19promising them liberty, while they themselves are bondservants of corruption; for a man is brought into bondage by whoever overcomes him. 20For if, after they have

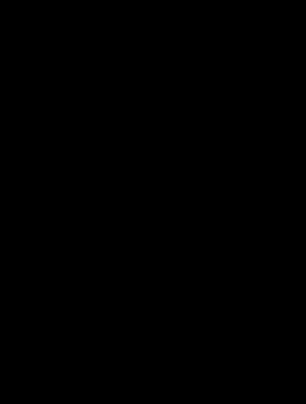
escaped the defilement of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in it and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. 21For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after knowing it, to turn

from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22But it has happened to them according to the true proverb, "The dog turns to his own vomit again," and

"the sow that has washed to

wallowing in the mire."

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2 Peter Chapter 3

1This is now, beloved, the second letter that I have written to you; and in both of them I stir up your sincere mind by reminding

2that you should remember the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and the commandments of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior: 3knowing this first, that in the last days mockers will come, walking after their own lusts, 4and saying, "Where is the

promise of his coming? For, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." 5For this they willfully forget, that there were heavens from of old, and an earth formed out of water and amid water, by the word of God;

6by which means the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished. 7But the heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been stored up for fire, being reserved against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly

8But don't forget this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some count slowness; but is patient with us, not wishing that any should perish, but that

all should come to repentance. 10But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11Therefore since all these

things will be destroyed like this, what kind of people ought you to be in holy living and qodliness, 12looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, which will cause the burning heavens to be dissolved, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

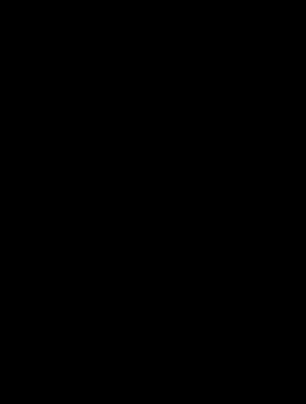
13But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. 14Therefore, beloved, seeing that you look for these things. be diligent to be found in peace, without blemish and blameless in his sight. 15Regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; even as our

beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote to you; 16as also in all of his letters, speaking in them of these things. In those, there are some things that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unsettled twist, as they also do to the other Scriptures, to their own

destruction. 17You therefore, beloved, knowing these things beforehand, beware, lest being carried away with the error of the wicked, you fall from your own steadfastness. 18But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be

the glory both now and

forever. Amen.



1 John Chapter 1

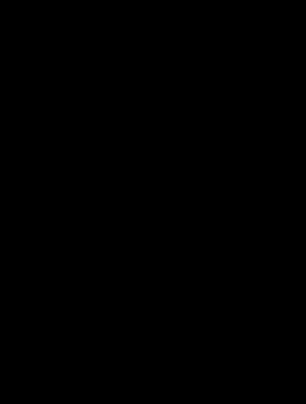
1That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we saw, and our hands touched, concerning the Word

of life 2(and the life was revealed, and we have seen, and testify and declare to you the life, the eternal life, which was with the Father, and was revealed to us); 3that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us. Yes, and

fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4And we write these things to you, that our joy may be fulfilled. 5This is the message which we have heard from him and announce to you, that God is light, and in him is no

darkness at all. 6If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we lie, and don't tell the truth. 7But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

8If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10If we say that we haven't sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.



1 John Chapter 2

1My little children, I write these things to you so that you may not sin. If anyone sins, we have a Counselor with the Father, Jesus Christ, the

righteous. 2And he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the whole world. 3This is how we know that we know him: if we keep his commandments. 40ne who says, "I know him," and doesn't keep his commandments, is a liar, and

the truth isn't in him. 5But whoever keeps his word, God's love has most certainly been perfected in him. This is how we know that we are in him: 6he who says he remains in him ought himself also to walk just like he walked. 7Brothers, I write no new commandment to you, but an

old commandment which you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. 8Again, I write a new commandment to you, which is true in him and in you; because the darkness is passing away, and the true light

already shines. 9He who says he is in the light and hates his brother, is in the darkness even until now. 10He who loves his brother remains in the light, and there is no occasion for stumbling in him. 11But he who hates his brother is in the darkness,

and walks in the darkness, and doesn't know where he is qoing, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. 121 write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. 131 write to you, fathers, because you know him who

is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, little children, because you know the Father. 14I have written to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young

men, because you are strong, and the word of God remains in you, and you have overcome the evil one. 15Don't love the world, neither the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father's love isn't in him. 16For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust

of the eyes, and the pride of life, isn't the Father's, but is the world's. 17The world is passing away with its lusts, but he who does God's will remains forever. 18Little children, these are the end times, and as you heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many

antichrists have arisen. By this we know that it is the final hour. 19They went out from us, but they didn't belong to us; for if they had belonged to us, they would have continued with us. But they left, that they might be revealed that none of them belong to us. 20 You have an anointing

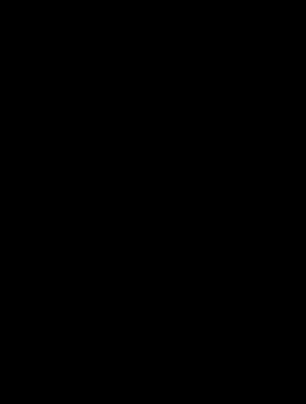
from the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. 211 have not written to you because you don't know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. 22Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the Antichrist, he who denies the Father and

the Son. 23Whoever denies the Son, the same doesn't have the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also. 24Therefore, as for you, let that remain in you which you heard from the beginning. If that which you heard from the beginning remains in you, you also will remain in the

Son, and in the Father. 25This is the promise which he promised us, the eternal life. 26These things I have written to you concerning those who would lead you astray. 27As for you, the anointing which you received from him remains in you, and you don't

need for anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you you will remain in him. 28Now, little children, remain in him, that when he appears, we may have boldness, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

29If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of him.



1 John Chapter 3

1Behold, how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! For this Cause the world doesn't know us,

because it didn't know him. 2Beloved, now we are children of God, and it is not yet revealed what we will be. But we know that, when he revealed, we will be like him; for we will see him just as he is. 3Everyone who has this hope set on him purifies himself,

even as he is pure. 4Everyone who sins also commits lawlessness. Sin is lawlessness. 5You know that he was revealed to take away our sins, and in him is no sin. 6Whoever remains in him doesn't sin. Whoever sins hasn't seen him, neither knows him.

7Little children, let no one lead you astray. He who does righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. To this end the Son of God Was revealed, that he might destroy the works of the

devil. 9Whoever is born of God doesn't commit sin, because his seed remains in him; and he can't sin, because he is born of God. 10In this the children of God are revealed, and the children of the devil. Whoever doesn't do righteousness is not of God, neither is he who

doesn't love his brother. 11For this is the message which you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; 12unlike Cain, who was of the evil one, and killed his brother. Why did he kill him? Because his works were evil, and his brother's righteous. 13Don't be surprised, my

brothers, if the world hates 14We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. He who doesn't love his brother remains in death. 15Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.

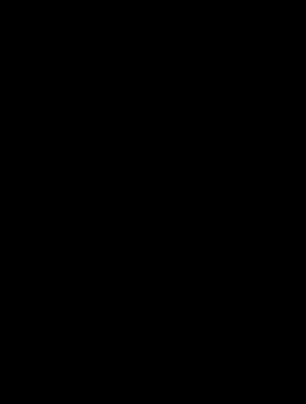
16By this we know love, because he laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17But whoever has the world's qoods, and sees his brother in need, and closes his heart of compassion against him, how does the love of God

remain in him? 18My little children, let's not love in word only neither with the tonque only, but in deed and truth. 19And by this we know that we are of the truth, and persuade our hearts before 20because if our heart condemns us, God is greater

than our heart, and knows all things. 21Beloved, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have boldness toward God; 22and whatever we ask, we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his sight.

23This is his commandment,

that we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, even as he commanded. 24He who keeps his commandments remains in him, and he in him. By this we know that he remains in us, by the Spirit which he gave us.



1 John Chapter 4

1Beloved, don't believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2By this you know the Spirit

of God: every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God. 3and every spirit who doesn't confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God, and this is the spirit of the Antichrist, of whom you have heard that it comes. Now it is in the world

already. 4You are of God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he who is in you than he who is in the world. 5They are of the world. Therefore they speak of the world, and the world hears them.

6We are of God. He who knows God listens to us. He who is not of God doesn't listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. 7Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God.

8He who doesn't love doesn't know God, for God is love. 9By this God's love was revealed in us, that God has sent his one and only Son into the world that we might **live** through him. 10In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son as the

atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11Beloved, if God loved us in this way, we also ought to love one another. 12No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God remains in us, and his love has been perfected in 13By this we know that we

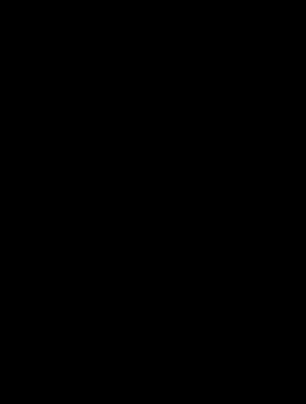
remain in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as the Savior of the world. 15Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him, and he in

16We know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and he who remains in love remains God, and God remains in him. 17In this love has been made perfect among us, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment, because as he is, even so are we in this

world. 18There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has punishment. He who fears is not made perfect in love. 19We love him, because he first loved us. 201f a man says, "I love God," and hates his brother,

he is a liar; for he who doesn't love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21This commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should also love his

brother.



1 John Chapter 5

1Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God. Whoever loves the Father also loves the child who is

2By this we know that we

born of him.

love the children of God, when we love God and keep his commandments. 3For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. His commandments are not qrievous. 4For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome

the world: your faith. 5Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the

truth. 7For there are three who testify: 8the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and the three agree as 9If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is God's testimony which he has testified concerning his Son. 10He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who doesn't believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. 11The testimony is this, that God gave to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12He who has the Son has the life. He who doesn't have God's Son doesn't have the life. 13These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the

name of the Son of God. 14This is the boldness which we have toward him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he listens to us. 15And if we know that he listens to us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of him.

16If anyone sees his brother

sinning a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life for those who sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death. I don't say that he should make a request concerning this. 17All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death.

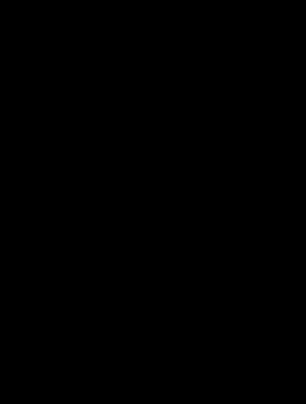
18We know that whoever is born of God doesn't sin, but he who was born of God keeps himself, and the evil doesn't touch him. 19We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. 20We know that the Son of

God has come, and has given

us an understanding, that we know him who is true, and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

21Little children, keep

yourselves from idols.



2 John Chapter 1

1The elder, to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not I only, but also all those who know the truth;

2for the truth's sake, which

remains in us, and it will be with us forever: 36race, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father, and from the Lord lesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. 4I rejoice greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, even as we have been commanded by

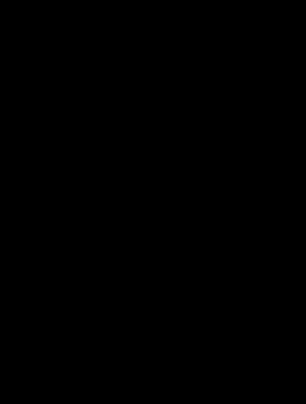
the Father. 5Now I beg you, dear lady, not as though I wrote to you a new commandment, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. 6This is love, that we should walk according to his commandments. This is the commandment, even as you

heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it. 7For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who don't confess that Jesus Christ came in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the Antichrist. 8Watch yourselves, that we don't lose the things which

we have accomplished, but that we receive a full reward. 9Whoever transgresses and doesn't remain in the teaching of Christ, doesn't have God. He who remains in the teaching, the same has both the Father and the Son. 10If anyone comes to you, and doesn't bring this

teaching, don't receive him into your house, and don't welcome him, 11for he who welcomes him participates in his evil works. 12Having many things to write to you, I don't want to do so with paper and ink, but I hope to come to you, and to speak face to face, that our

joy may be made full. 13The children of your chosen sister greet you. Amen.



3 John Chapter 1

1The elder to Gaius the beloved, whom I love in truth. 2Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be

healthy, even as your soul

prospers.

3For I rejoiced greatly, when brothers came and testified about your truth, even as you walk in truth. 4I have no greater joy than this, to hear about my children walking in truth. 5Beloved, you do a faithful work in whatever you accomplish for those who are

brothers and strangers.

6They have testified about your love before the assembly. You will do well to send them forward on their ourney in a way worthy of God, Tbecause for the sake of the Name they went out, taking nothing from the Gentiles. 8We therefore ought to receive such, that we may be

fellow workers for the truth. 9I wrote to the assembly, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, doesn't accept what we say. 10Therefore, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words. Not content with this, neither

does he himself receive the brothers, and those who would, he forbids and throws out of the assembly. 11Beloved, don't imitate that which is evil, but that which is good. He who does good is of God. He who does evil hasn't seen God. 12Demetrius has the testimony of all, and of the

truth itself; yes, we also testify and you know that our testimony is true. 13I had many things to write to you, but I am unwilling to write to you with ink and pen; 14but I hope to see you soon, and we will speak face to face. Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the

friends by name. Jude Chapter 1 Ilude, a servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, kept for Jesus Christ: 2Mercy to you and peace and love be multiplied. 3Beloved, while I was very

eager to write to you about our common salvation, I was constrained to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4For there are certain men who crept in secretly, even those who were long ago written about for this

condemnation: ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into indecency, and denying our only Master, God, and Lord, Jesus Christ. 5Now I desire to remind you, though you already know this, that the Lord, having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who didn't believe.

6Angels who didn't keep their first domain, but deserted their own dwelling place, he has kept in everlasting bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day. 7Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them, having, in the same way as these, given themselves

over to sexual immorality and qone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire. 8Yet in the same way, these also in their dreaming defile the flesh, despise authority, and slander celestial beings. 9But Michael, the archangel, when contending with the

devil and arquing about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him an abusive condemnation, but said, "May the Lord rebuke you!" 10But these speak evil of whatever things they don't know. What they understand naturally, like the creatures without reason, they are destroyed in these things.

11Woe to them! For they went in the way of Cain, and ran riotously in the error of Balaam for hire, and perished in Korah's rebellion. 12These are hidden rocky reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you, shepherds who without fear feed themselves; clouds without

water, carried along by winds; autumn leaves without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; 13wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved forever. 14About these also Enoch, the seventh from Adam,

prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with ten thousands of his holy ones, 15to execute judgment on all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their works of ungodliness which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

16These are murmurers and complainers, walking after their lusts (and their mouth speaks proud things), showing respect of persons to qain advantage. 17But you, beloved, remember the words which have been spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. 18They said to you that "In

the last time there will be mockers, walking after their own ungodly lusts." 19These are they who cause divisions, and are sensual, not having the Spirit. 20But you, beloved, keep building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.

21 Keep yourselves in the love

of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. 220n some have compassion, making a distinction, 23and some save, snatching them out of the fire with fear, hating even the clothing stained by the flesh. 24Now to him who is able to keep them from stumbling,

and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory in great joy, 25to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen. Revelation Chapter 1 1This is the Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave

him to show to his servants

the things which must happen soon, which he sent and made known by his angel to his servant, John, 2who testified to God's word, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, about everything that he saw. 3Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the

things that are written in it, for the time is at hand. 4John, to the seven assemblies that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from God, who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits who are before his throne; Sand from Jesus Christ, the

faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us, and washed us from our sins by his blood: 6and he made us to be a Kingdom, priests to his God and Father; to him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, including those who pierced him. All the tribes of the earth will mourn over him. Even so. Amen. 8"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the

Almighty." 91 John, your brother and partner with you in oppression, Kingdom, and perseverance in Christ Jesus, Was on the isle that is called Patmos because of God's Word and the testimony of Jesus Christ. 101 was in the Spirit on the

Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, like a trumpet 11saying, "What you see, write in a book and send to the seven assemblies: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." 12I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. Having

turned, I saw seven golden lampstands. 13And among the lampstands was one like a son of man, clothed with a robe reaching down to his feet, and with a golden sash around his chest. 14His head and his hair were white as white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a

flame of fire. 15His feet were like burnished brass, as if it had been refined in a furnace. His voice was like the voice many waters. 16He had seven stars in his right hand. Out of his mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged

sword. His face was

like the sun shining at its brightest. 17When I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man. He laid his right hand on me, saying, "Don't be afraid. I am the first and the last, 18and the Living one. I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. I have the

keys of Death and of

Hades. 19Write therefore the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will happen hereafter; 20the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in my right hand, and the seven

stars which you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands. The seven seven stars are the angels of

the seven assemblies. The seven lampstands are seven assemblies. Revelation Chapter 2 1"To the angel of the assembly in Ephesus write: "He who holds the seven stars in his right hand, he who

walks among the seven

qolden lampstands says these

things: 2"I know your works, and your toil and perseverance, and that you can't tolerate evil men, and have tested those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and found them false. 3You have perseverance and have endured for my name's

sake, and have not grown

Weary. 4But I have this against you, that you left your first love. 5Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I am coming to you swiftly, and will move your lampstand out of its place, unless you repent. 6But this you have, that you

hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of my God. 8"To the angel of the assembly in Smyrna write: "The first and the last, who

was dead, and has come to life says these things: 9"I know your works, oppression, and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews, and they are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10Don't be afraid of the things which you are about

to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested; and you will have oppression for ten days. Be faithful to death, and I will give you the crown of life. 11He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. He who

overcomes won't be harmed by the second death. 12"To the angel of the assembly in Pergamum write: "He who has the sharp twoedged sword says these things: 13"I know your works and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. You hold firmly to my name, and

didn't deny my faith in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. 14But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to throw a

stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and commit sexual immorality. 15So you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans likewise. 16Repent therefore, or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against

them with the sword of my mouth. 17He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes, to him I will give of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written, which no one knows but he

who receives it. 18"To the angel of the assembly in Thyatira write: "The Son of God, who has his eyes like a flame of fire, and his feet are like burnished brass, says these things: 19"I know your works, your love, faith, service, patient endurance, and that your last works are more than

the first. 20But I have this against you, that you tolerate your woman, Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. She teaches and seduces my servants to commit sexual immorality, and to eat things sacrificed to idols. 211 gave her time to repent,

but she refuses to repent of

her sexual immorality. 22Behold, I will throw her into a bed, and those who commit adultery with her into great oppression, unless they repent of her works. 23I will kill her children with Death, and all the assemblies will know that I am he who searches the

and hearts. I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. 24But to you I say, to the rest who are in Thyatira, as many as don't have this teaching, who don't know what some call 'the deep things of Satan,' to you I say, I am not putting any other burden on

25Nevertheless, hold that which you have firmly until I come. 26He who overcomes, and he who keeps my works to the end, to him I will give authority over the nations. 27He will rule them with a rod of iron, shattering them like clay pots; as I also have

received of my Father: 28and I will give him the morning star. 29He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. Revelation Chapter 3 1"And to the angel of the assembly in Sardis write: "He

who has the seven Spirits of

God, and the seven stars says

these things: "I know your works, that you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2Wake up, and keep the things that remain, which you were about to throw away, for I have found no works of yours perfected before my God. 3Remember therefore how you

have received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If therefore you won't watch, I will come as a thief, and you won't know what hour I will come upon you. 4Nevertheless you have a few names in Sardis that did not defile their garments. They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.

5He who overcomes will be arrayed in white garments, and I will in no way blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. 6He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. 7"To the angel of the

assembly in Philadelphia write: "He who is holy, he who is true, he who has the key of David, he who opens and no one can shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says these things: 8"I know your works (behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one can shut), that you have a

little power, and kept my word, and didn't deny my 9Behold, I give of the synagogue of Satan, of those who say they are Jews, and they are not, but lie. Behold, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved

10Because you kept my command to endure, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, which is to come on the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 111 am coming quickly! Hold firmly that which you have, so that no one takes your Crown.

12He who overcomes, I will

make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will go out from there no more. I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God, and my own new name. 13He who has an ear, let him

hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. 14"To the angel of the assembly in Laodicea write: "The Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Head of God's creation, says these things: 15"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were cold or hot.

16So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you out of my mouth. 17Because you say, 'I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing;' and don't know that you are the wretched one, miserable, poor, blind, and naked; 181 counsel you to buy from

me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich; and white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see. 19As many as I love, I reprove and chasten. Be zealous therefore, and repent.

20Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with me. 21He who overcomes, I will give to him to sit down with me on my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies." Revelation Chapter 4 1After these things I looked and saw a door opened in heaven, and the first voice that I heard, like a trumpet speaking with me, was one

saying, "Come up here, and I

will show you the things

which must happen after this." 21mmediately I was in the Spirit. Behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and one sitting on the throne 3that looked like a jasper stone and a sardius. There was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald to

look at.

4Around the throne were twenty-four thrones. On the thrones were twenty-four elders sitting, dressed in white garments, with crowns of gold on their heads. 50ut of the throne proceed lightnings, sounds, and thunders. There were seven lamps of fire burning before his throne, which are the

seven Spirits of God. 6Before the throne was something like a sea of glass, similar to crystal. In the midst of the throne, and around the throne were four living creatures full of eyes before and behind. The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the

third creature had a face like man, and the fourth was like a flying eagle. 8The four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within. They have no rest day and night, saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was

and who is and who is to come!" 9When the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to him who sits on the throne, to him who lives forever and ever, 10the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives forever

and ever, and throw their crowns before the throne, saying, 11"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, the Holy One, to receive the glory, the honor, and the power, for you created all things, and because of your desire they existed, and were created!" Revelation Chapter 5

11 saw, in the right hand of him who sat on the throne, a book written inside and outside, sealed shut with seven seals. 21 saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book, and to break

its

seals?"

3No one in heaven above, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, or to look in it. 4And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open the book, or to look in 50ne of the elders said to me "Don't weep. Behold, the Lion who is of the tribe of Judah,

the Root of David, has overcome; he who opens the book and its seven seals." 6I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which

are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. 7Then he came, and he took it out of the right hand of him who sat on the throne. 8Now when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9They sang a new song, saying, "You are worthy to take the book, and to open its seals: for you were killed, and bought us for God with your blood, out of every tribe, language, people, and nation, 10and made us kings and

priests to our God, and we will reign on earth." 111 saw, and I heard something like a voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousands of ten thousands, and thousands of thousands;

12saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who has been killed to receive the power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessinq!" 131 heard every created thing which is in heaven, on the earth, under the earth, on the sea, and everything in them, saying, "To him who

sits on the throne, and to the Lamb be the blessing, the honor, the glory, and the dominion, forever and ever! Amen!" 14The four living creatures said, "Amen!" The elders fell down and worshiped. Revelation Chapter 6 11 saw that the Lamb opened

one of the seven seals, and I

heard one of the four living creatures saying, as with a voice of thunder, "Come and see!" 2And behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow. A crown was given to him, and he came forth conquering, and to conquer. 3When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living

creature saying, "Come!" 4Another came forth, a red horse. To him who sat on it was given power to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another. There was given to him a great sword. 5When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come and

see!" And behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a balance in his hand. 6I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A choenix of wheat for a denarius, and three choenix of barley for a denarius! Don't damage the oil and the wine!"

7When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living creature saying, "Come and 8And behold, a pale horse, and he who sat on it, his name was Death. Hades followed with him. Authority over one fourth of the earth, to kill with the sword, with famine, with death, and by

the wild animals of the earth was given to him. 9When he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been killed for the Word of God, and for the testimony of the Lamb which they had. 10They cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long,

Master, the holy and true, until you judge and avenge blood on those who dwell on the earth?" 11A long white robe was given to each of them. They were told that they should rest yet for a while, until their fellow servants and their brothers, who would also

be killed even as they were, should complete their COURSE. 12I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became as blood. 13The stars of the sky fell to the earth, like a fig tree dropping its unripe figs when it is shaken by a great wind 14The sky was removed like a scroll when it is rolled up. Every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15The kings of the earth, the princes, the commanding officers, the rich, the strong,

and every slave and free person, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains. 16They told the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, 17for the great day of his

wrath has come; and who is able to stand?" Revelation Chapter 7 1After this, I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth, or on the sea, or on

21 saw another angel ascend

any tree.

from the sunrise, having the seal of the living God. He cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was given to harm the earth and the sea, 3saying, "Don't harm the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, until we have sealed the bondservants of our God on their foreheads!"

4I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the children of Israel: 50f the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand. 6of the tribe of Asher twelve

thousand, of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, 7of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, 8of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, of the tribe

of Joseph twelve thousand, of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand. 9After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of all tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white

robes, with palm branches in their hands. 10They cried with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation be to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11All the angels were standing around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before his throne,

and worshiped God, 12saying, "Amen! Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might, be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 130ne of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are arrayed in white robes, who are they, and from where did they come?"

14I told him, "My lord, you know." He said to me, "These are those who came out of the great tribulation. They washed their robes, and made them white in the Lamb's blood. 15Therefore they are before the throne of God, they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on

the throne will spread his tabernacle over them. 16They will never be hungry, neither thirsty any more; neither will the sun beat on them, nor any heat; 17for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne shepherds them, and leads them to springs of waters of life. And God will wipe away

every tear from their eyes." Revelation Chapter 8 1When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 2I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

trumpets were given to them. 3Another angel came and stood over the altar, having a golden censer. Much incense was given to him, that he should add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. 4The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. 5The angel took the censer,

and he filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it on the earth. There followed thunders, sounds, lightnings, and an earthquake. 6The seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. 7The first sounded, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were

thrown to the earth. One third of the earth was burnt up, and one third of the trees were burnt up, and all green grass was burnt 8The second angel sounded, and something like a great burning mountain was thrown into the sea. One third of the sea became blood

9and one third of the living creatures which were in the sea died. One third of the ships were destroyed. 10The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from the sky, burning like a torch, and it fell on one third of the rivers, and on the springs of the waters. 11The name of the star is

called "Wormwood." One third of the waters became wormwood. Many people died from the waters, because they were made bitter. 12The fourth angel sounded, and one third of the sun was struck, and one third of the moon, and one third of the stars; so that one third of them would be darkened, and

the day wouldn't shine for one third of it, and the night in the same way. 13I saw, and I heard an eagle, flying in mid heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe! Woe! Woe for those who dwell on the earth, because of the other voices of the trumpets of the three angels, who are yet to sound!"

Revelation Chapter 9 1The fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from the sky which had fallen to the earth. The key to the pit of the abyss was given to him. 2He opened the pit of the

abyss, and smoke went up

out of the pit, like the smoke

from a burning furnace.

The sun and the air were

darkened because of the smoke from the pit. 3Then out of the smoke came forth locusts on the earth, and power was given to them as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4They were told that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree,

but only those people who don't have God's seal on their foreheads. 5They were given power not to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion, when it strikes a person. 6In those days people will seek death, and will in no

way find it. They will desire to die, and death will flee from them. The shapes of the locusts were like horses prepared for war. On their heads were something like golden crowns, and their faces were like people's faces. 8They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like

those of lions. 9They had breastplates, like breastplates of iron. The sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, or of many horses rushing to 10They have tails like those of scorpions, and stings. In their tails they have power to harm men for five

months. 11They have over them as king the angel of the abyss. His name in Hebrew is "Abaddon," but in Greek, he has the name "Apollyon." 12The first woe is past. Behold, there are still two woes coming after this. 13The sixth angel sounded. I

heard a voice from the horns

of the golden altar which is before God. 14saying to the sixth angel who had one trumpet, "Free the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates!" 15The four angels were freed who had been prepared for that hour and day and month and year, so that they

might kill one third of mankind. 16The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million. I heard the number of them. 17Thus I saw the horses in the vision, and those who sat on them, having breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth

blue, and sulfur yellow; and

the heads of lions. Out of their mouths proceed fire, smoke, and sulfur. 18By these three plagues were one third of mankind killed: by the fire, the smoke, and the sulfur, which proceeded out of their mouths. 19For the power of the horses is in their mouths, and in their tails. For their tails are

like serpents, and have heads, and with them they harm. 20The rest of mankind, who were not killed with these plaques, didn't repent of the works of their hands, that they wouldn't worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of

wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk. 21They didn't repent of their murders, nor of their sorceries nor of their sexual immorality nor of their thefts. Revelation Chapter 10

Revelation Chapter 10
11 saw a mighty angel
coming down out of the sky,

clothed with a cloud. A

rainbow was on his head. His face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. 2He had in his hand a little open book. He set his right foot on the sea, and his left on the land. 3He cried with a loud voice, as a lion roars. When he cried, the seven thunders

uttered their voices. 4When the seven thunders sounded, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from the sky saying, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders said, and don't write them." 5The angel who I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right

hand to the sky, 6and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there will no longer be delay, 7but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he

is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as he declared to his servants, the prophets. 8The voice which I heard from heaven, again speaking with me, said, "Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land." 91 went to the angel, telling

him to give me the little book. He said to me, "Take it, and eat it up. It will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey." 10I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up. It was as sweet as honey in my mouth. When I had eaten it, my stomach was

made bitter. 11They told me, "You must prophesy again over many peoples, nations, languages, and kings." Revelation Chapter 11 1A reed like a rod was given to me. Someone said, "Rise, and measure God's temple, and the altar, and those

who worship in it.

2Leave out the court which is outside of the temple, and don't measure it, for it has been given to the nations. They will tread the holy city under foot for forty-two months. 3I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred sixty days,

clothed in sackcloth." 4These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands, standing before the Lord of the earth. 5If anyone desires to harm them, fire proceeds out of their mouth and devours their enemies. If anyone desires to harm them, he must be killed in this way.

6These have the power to shut up the sky, that it may not rain during the days of their prophecy. They have power over the waters, to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plaque, as often as they desire. 7When they have finished their testimony, the beast that

comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them, and kill them. 8Their dead bodies will be in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. 9From among the peoples, tribes, languages, and nations

people will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not allow their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. 10Those who dwell on the earth rejoice over them, and they will be glad. They will give gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on

the earth. 11After the three and a half days, the breath of life from God entered into them, and they stood on their feet. Great fear fell on those who saw them. 12I heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" They went up into heaven in the cloud, and their

enemies saw them. 13In that day there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed the earthquake, and the rest were terrified, and gave glory to the God of heaven. 14The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe comes

quickly. 15The seventh angel sounded, and great voices in heaven followed, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ. He will reign forever and ever!" 16The twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones

before God's throne, fell on

their faces and worshiped God. 17 saying: "We give you thanks, Lord God, the Almighty, the one who is and who was; because you have taken your great power, and reigned. 18The nations were angry, and your wrath came, as did the time for the dead to be judged, and to give your

bondservants the prophets, their reward, as well as to the saints, and those who fear your name, to the small and the great; and to destroy those who destroy the earth." 19God's temple that is in heaven was opened, and the ark of the Lord's covenant was seen in his temple.

Lightnings, sounds, th<u>unders,</u> an earthquake, and great hail followed. Revelation Chapter 12 1A great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. 2She was with child. She

cried out in pain, laboring to

qive birth. 3Another sign was seen in heaven. Behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven crowns. 4His tail drew one third of the stars of the sky, and threw them to the earth. The dragon stood before the woman who was about to

give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. 5She gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. Her child was caught up to God, and to his throne. 6The woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that

there they may nourish her one thousand two hundred sixty days. 7There was war in the sky. Michael and his angels made war on the dragon. The dragon and his angels made War. 8They didn't prevail, neither was a place found for him any more in heaven.

9The great dragon was thrown down, the old serpent, he who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. He was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. 101 heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now is come the salvation, the power, and

the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ; for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night. 11They overcame him because of the Lamb's blood, and because of the word of their testimony. They didn't love their life, even to death.

12Therefore rejoice, heavens, and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and to the sea, because the devil has gone down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has but a short time." 13When the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to

the male child. 14Two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place. so that she might be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15The serpent spewed water

out of his mouth after the woman like a river, that he might cause her to be carried away by the stream. 16The earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon spewed out of his mouth. 17The dragon grew angry

with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep God's commandments and hold Jesus' testimony. Revelation Chapter 13 1Then I stood on the sand of the sea. I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads. On his horns were ten

crowns, and on his heads, blasphemous names. 2The beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. 30ne of his heads looked like it had been wounded fatally.

His fatal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled at the beast. 4They worshiped the dragon, because he gave his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" 5A mouth speaking great

things and blasphemy was given to him. Authority to make war for forty-two months was given to him. 6He opened his mouth for blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his dwelling, those who dwell in heaven. 71t was given to him to make war with the saints,

and to overcome them. Authority over every tribe, people, language, and nation was qiven to him. 8All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb

who has been killed. 91f anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10If anyone is to go into captivity, he will go into captivity. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, he must be killed. Here is the endurance and the faith of the saints.

111 saw another beast coming up out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke like a dragon. 12He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. He makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was

healed. 13He performs great signs, even making fire come down out of the sky to the earth in the sight of people. 14He deceives my own people who dwell on the earth because of the signs he was granted to do in front of the beast; saying to those who dwell on the earth, that

they should make an image to the beast who had the sword wound and lived. 15It was given to him to give breath to it, to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause as many as wouldn't worship the image of the beast to be killed.

16He causes all, the small and the great, the rich and the poor, and the free and the slave, to be given marks on their right hands, or on their foreheads; 17 and that no one would be able to buy or to sell, unless he has that mark, the name of the beast or the number of his name.

18Here is wisdom. He who has understanding, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. His number is six hundred sixty-six. Revelation Chapter 14 11 saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him a number, one

hundred forty-four

thousand, having his name, and the name of his Father, written on their foreheads. 21 heard a sound from heaven, like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of a great thunder. The sound which I heard was like that of harpists playing on their harps. 3They sing a new song

before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the one hundred forty-four thousand, those who had been redeemed out of the earth. 4These are those who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are those who follow the

Lamb wherever he goes. These were redeemed by Jesus from among men, the first fruits to God and to the Lamb. 5In their mouth was found no lie, for they are blameless. 6I saw an angel flying in mid heaven, having an eternal Good News to proclaim to those who dwell

on the earth, and to every nation, tribe, language, and people. 7He said with a loud voice, "Fear the Lord, and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and the springs of waters!" 8Another, a second angel,

followed, saying, "Babylon the great has fallen, which has made all the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her sexual immorality." 9Another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark

on his forehead, or on his hand. 10he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger. He will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb. 11The smoke of their torment

qoes up forever and ever. They have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name. 12Here is the patience of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." 131 heard the voice from

heaven saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them." 141 looked, and behold, a white cloud; and on the cloud one sitting like a son of man, having on his head a

golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. 15Another angel came out from the temple, crying with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Send forth your sickle, and reap; for the hour to reap has come; for the harvest of the earth is 16He who sat on the cloud

thrust his sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped. 17Another angel came out from the temple which is in heaven. He also had a sharp sickle. 18Another angel came out from the altar, he who has power over fire, and he called with a great voice to him who had the sharp sickle,

saying, "Send forth your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for the earth's grapes are fully ripe!" 19The angel thrust his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vintage of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of

20The winepress was trodden outside of the city, and blood came out from the winepress, even to the bridles of the horses, as far as one thousand six hundred stadia. Revelation Chapter 15 11 saw another great and marvelous sign in the sky: seven angels having the

seven last plaques, for in

them God's wrath is finished. 21 saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who overcame the beast, his image, and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. 3They sang the song of Moses, the servant of God, and

the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God, the Almighty! Righteous and true are your ways, you King of the nations. 4Who wouldn't fear you, Lord, and glorify your name? For you only are holy. For all the nations will come and worship before you. For

your righteous acts have been revealed." 5After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. 6The seven angels who had the seven plaques came out, clothed with pure, bright linen, and wearing golden sashes around their breasts.

70ne of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. 8The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power. No one was able to enter into the temple, until the seven plagues of the seven angels

would be finished. Revelation Chapter 16 11 heard a loud voice out of the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God on the earth!" 2The first went, and poured out his bowl into the earth, and it became a harmful and

evil sore on the people

who had the mark of the beast, and who worshiped his image. 3The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man. Every living thing in the sea died. 4The third poured out his bowl into the rivers and springs of water, and they

became blood. 5I heard the angel of the waters saying, "You are righteous, who are and who were, you Holy One, because you have judged these things. 6For they poured out the blood of the saints and the prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. They deserve this."

71 heard the altar saying, "Yes, Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are your iudqments." 8The fourth poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was qiven to him to scorch men with fire. 9People were scorched with great heat, and people blasphemed the name of God

who has the power over these plaques. They didn't repent and give him glory. 10The fifth poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was darkened. They qnawed their tonques because of the 11and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of

their pains and their sores. They didn't repent of their works. 12The sixth poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates. Its water was dried up, that the way might be prepared for the kings that come from the sunrise. 131 saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon, and out

of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits, something like frogs; 14for they are spirits of demons, performing signs; which go forth to the kings of the whole inhabited earth, to gather them together for the war of that great day of God, the Almighty.

15"Behold, I come like a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his clothes, so that he doesn't walk naked, and they see his shame." 16He gathered them together into the place which is called in Hebrew, Megiddo. 17The seventh poured out his bowl into the air. A loud

voice came forth out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" 18There were lightnings, sounds, and thunders; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since there were men on the earth, so great an earthquake, so mighty. 19The great city was divided

into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God, to give to her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. 20Every island fled away and the mountains were not found. 21Great hailstones, about the

weight of a talent, came down out of the sky on people. People blasphemed God because of the plaque of the hail, for this plaque is exceedingly severe. Revelation Chapter 17 10ne of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here. I will

show you the judgment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters, 2with whom the kings of the earth committed sexual immorality, and those who dwell in the earth were made drunken with the wine of her sexual immorality." 3He carried me away in the

Spirit into a wilderness. I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet-colored animal, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. 4The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and

the impurities of the sexual immorality of the earth. 5And on her forehead a name was written, "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE

6I saw the woman drunken

EARTH."

with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered with great amazement. 7The angel said to me, "Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten

horns. 8The beast that you saw was, and is not; and is about to come up out of the abyss and to go into destruction. Those who dwell on the earth and whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel when they see that the beast was, and is not, and shall be present. 9Here is the mind that has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman <u>sits.</u> 10They are seven kings. Five have fallen, the one is, the other has not yet come. When he comes, he must continue a little while.

11The beast that was, and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is of the seven; and he goes to destruction. 12The ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority as kings, with the beast, for one hour.

13These have one mind, and

they give their power and authority to the beast. 14These will war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings. They also will overcome who are with him, called and chosen and faithful." 15He said to me, "The waters

which you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages. 16The ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the prostitute, and will make her desolate, and will make her naked, and will eat her flesh, and will burn her utterly with fire.

17For God has put in their hearts to do what he has in mind, and to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God should be accomplished. 18The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth." Revelation Chapter 18

1After these things, I saw another angel coming down out of the sky, having great authority. The earth was illuminated with his glory. 2He cried with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, and she has become a habitation of demons, a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison

of every unclean and hateful bird! 3For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her sexual immorality, the kings of the earth committed sexual immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from the abundance of her

luxury." 41 heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, that you have no participation in her sins, and that you don't receive of her plaques, 5for her sins have reached to the sky, and God has remembered her iniquities. 6Return to her just as she

returned, and repay her double as she did, and according to her works. In the which she mixed, mix to her double. 7However much she glorified herself, and grew wanton, so much give her of torment and mourning. For she says in her heart, 'I sit a

queen, and am no widow, and will in no way see mourning.' 8Therefore in one day her plaques will come: death, mourning, and famine; and she will be utterly burned with fire; for the Lord God who has judged her is strong. 9The kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality

and lived wantonly with her, will weep and wail over her, when they look at the smoke of her burning, 10standing far away for the fear of her torment, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For your judgment has come in one hour.' 11The merchants of the earth

weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise any more; 12merchandise of gold, silver, precious stones, pearls, fine linen, purple, silk, scarlet, all expensive wood, every vessel of ivory, every vessel made of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble;

13and cinnamon, incense, perfume, frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine flour, wheat, sheep, horses, chariots, and people's bodies and souls. 14The fruits which your soul lusted after have been lost to you, and all things that were dainty and sumptuous have perished from you, and you will find

them no more at all. 15The merchants of these things, who were made rich by her, will stand far away for the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning; 16saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, she who was dressed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones and

pearls! 17For in an hour such great riches are made desolate.' Every shipmaster, and everyone who sails anywhere, and mariners, and as many as gain their living by sea, stood far away, 18and cried out as they looked at the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like

the great city?' 19They cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and mourning, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had their ships in the sea were made rich by reason of her great wealth!' For in one hour is she made desolate. 20"Rejoice over her, 0 heaven,

you saints, apostles, and prophets; for God has judged your judgment on her." 21A mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and cast it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down, and will be found no more at all. 22The voice of harpists,

minstrels, flute players, and trumpeters will be heard no more at all in you. No craftsman, of whatever craft, will be found any more at all in you. The sound of a mill will be heard no more at all in you. 23The light of a lamp will shine no more at all in you. The voice of the bridegroom

and of the bride will be heard no more at all in you; for your merchants were the princes of the earth; for with your sorcery all the nations were deceived. 24In her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on the earth." Revelation Chapter 19

1After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation, power, and glory belong to our God: 2for true and righteous are his judgments. For he has judged the great prostitute, who corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality, and he has avenged the blood of his servants at her hand." 3A second said, "Hallelujah! Her smoke goes up forever and ever." 4The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne. saying, "Amen! Hallelujah!" 5A voice came forth from the

throne, saying, "Give praise to our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, the small and the great!" 6I heard something like the voice of a great multitude, and like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of mighty thunders, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns!

7Let us rejoice and be exceedingly glad, and let us give the glory to him. For the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his wife has made herself ready." 8It was given to her that she would array herself in bright, pure, fine linen: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

9He said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." He said to me, "These are true words of God." 101 fell down before his feet to worship him. He said to me, "Look! Don't do it! I am a fellow bondservant with you and with your

brothers who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God, for the testimony of esus is the Spirit of Prophecy." 111 saw the heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it is called Faithful and True. In righteousness he judges and makes war.

12His eyes are a flame of fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has names written and a name written which no one knows but he himself. 13He is clothed in a garment sprinkled with blood. His name is called "The Word of God." 14The armies which are in

heaven followed him on white horses, clothed in white, pure, fine linen. 150ut of his mouth proceeds a sharp, double-edged sword, that with it he should strike the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He treads the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of God, the Almighty.

16He has on his garment and on his thigh a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." 171 saw an angel standing in the sun. He cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the sky, "Come! Be gathered together to the great supper of God,

18that you may eat the flesh

of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, and small and great." 19I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him

who sat on the horse, and against his army 20The beast was taken, and with him the false prophet who worked the signs in his sight, with which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These

were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. 21The rest were killed with the sword of him who sat on the horse, the sword which came forth out of his mouth. All the birds were filled with their flesh.

Revelation Chapter 20

11 saw an angel coming

down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2He seized the dragon, the old serpent, which is the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole inhabited earth, and bound him for a thousand years, 3and cast him into the abyss, and shut it, and sealed it

over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years were finished. After this, he must be freed for a short time. 4I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was qiven to them. I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the

testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and such as didn't worship the beast nor his image, and didn't receive the mark on their forehead and on their hand. They lived, and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5The rest of the dead didn't live until the thousand years were finished. This is the

first resurrection. 6Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over these, the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with him one thousand vears. 7And after the thousand years, Satan will be released

from his prison, 8and he will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to qather them together to the war; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9They went up over the breadth of the earth, and surrounded the camp of the

saints, and the beloved city. Fire came down out of heaven from God, and devoured them. 10The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet are also. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

111 saw a great white throne, and him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. There was found no place for them. 12I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and they opened books. Another book was opened, which is the

book of life. The dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13The sea gave up the dead who were in it. Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them. They were judged, each one according to his works.

14Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15If anyone was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation Chapter 21

11 saw a new heaven and a

new earth: for the first

heaven and the first earth have passed away, and the is no more. 21 saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband. 31 heard a loud voice out of heaven saying, "Behold, God's

dwelling is with people, and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4He will wipe away from them every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more. The first

things have passed away." 5He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." He said, "Write, for these words of God are faithful and true." 6He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give freely to him who is thirsty from the

spring of the water of life. 7He who overcomes, I will give him these things. I will be his God, and he will be my son. 8But for the cowardly, unbelieving, sinners, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their part is in

the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death." 90ne of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, who were loaded with the seven last plaques came, and he spoke with me, saying, "Come here. I will show you the wife, the Lamb's bride." 10He carried me away in the

Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, 11having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, as if it was a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 12having a great and high wall; having twelve gates, and

at the gates twelve angels; and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. 130n the east were three qates; and on the north three gates; and on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. 14The wall of the city had

twelve foundations, and on them twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. 15He who spoke with me had for a measure, a golden reed, to measure the city, its gates, and its walls. 16The city lies foursquare, and its length is as great as its breadth. He measured the

city with the reed,

Twelve thousand twelve stadia. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. 171ts wall is one hundred forty-four cubits, by the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. 18The construction of its wall was jasper. The city was pure gold, like pure glass.

19The foundations of the

city's wall were adorned with all kinds of precious stones. The first foundation Was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; 20the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth,

chrysoprasus; the eleventh, jacinth; and the twelfth, amethyst. 21The twelve gates were twelve pearls. Each one of the gates was made of one pearl. The street of the city was pure qold, like transparent glass. 22I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God, the Almighty,

and the Lamb, are its temple. 23The city has no need for the sun, neither of the moon, to shine, for the very glory of God illuminated it, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24The nations will walk in its light. The kings of the earth bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. 25Its gates will in no way be

shut by day (for there will be no night there), 26and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it so that they may enter. 27 There will in no way enter into it anything profane, or one who causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the

Lamb's book of life. Revelation Chapter 22 1He showed me a river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, 2in the middle of its street. On this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruits, vielding its fruit every

month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3There will be no curse any more. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants serve him. 4They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

5There will be no night, and they need no lamp light; for the Lord God will illuminate them. They will reign forever and ever. 6He said to me, "These words are faithful and true. The Lord God of the spirits of the prophets sent his angel to show to his bondservants the

things which must happen

soon." 7"Behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." 8Now I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel

who had shown me these

things. 9He said to me, "See you don't do it! I am a fellow bondservant with you and with your brothers, the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." 10He said to me, "Don't seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is

at hand. 11He who acts unjustly, let him act unjustly still. He who is filthy, let him be filthy still. He who is righteous, let him do righteousness still. He who is holy, let him be holy 12"Behold, I come quickly. My reward is with me, to repay to each man according to his

work. 13I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. 14Blessed are those who do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city. 150utside are the dogs, the

sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. 161, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify these things to you for the assemblies. I am the root and the offspring of David; the Bright and Morning Star." 17The Spirit and the bride

say, "Come!" He who hears, let him say, "Come!" He who is thirsty, let him come. He who desires, let him take the water of life freely. 18I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book, if anyone adds to them, may add to him the plagues which

are written in this book. 19If anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, may God take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, which are written in this book. 20He who testifies these things says, "Yes, I come quickly." Amen! Yes, come,

Lord Jesus. 21The grace of the Lord Jesus

Amen.

Christ be with all the saints.